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For the Love of Olives



Prince Albert's olive farmers produce top quality olive products (Photo: Sandy Farmer)

- Barbara Castle -

History

Olives are among the oldest known cultivated trees in the world and were being grown even before writing was invented. Their starring role in history was in the biblical story of Noah's Ark, said to have taken place 10,000BC. And they have been a regular showstopper ever since, giving cameo and command performances all over the world!

Wild olives were collected by Neolithic peoples as early as the 8th millennium BC and have been found in Egyptian tombs from 2000BC. The symbolic meaning of the olive tree goes back to the first Olympic Games, at Olympia in 776BC. At that time an olive branch was awarded to the winners of the various event to symbolise a truce in hostilities.

It even features in Greek mythology... Zeus bestowed the city of Athens on the god who provided the most useful gift to humanity. And believe it or not the olive tree, created by Athena won... and water, created by Poseidon, came nowhere! The Roman poet Virgil (70-10 BCE)

used the olive branch as a symbol of peace in his 12-book Epic *Aeneid*. Philosopher Pliny The Elder (AD 23-79) commented, "Except the vine, there is no plant which bears a fruit of as great importance as the olive." Indeed they were struck on Imperial Roman coins together with the head of Mars Pacifier (the bringer of peace)... and in much more recent times Van Gogh painted olive trees *verskrik*.

Olive farms in Prince Albert

We have four large olive farms as well as a number of private orchards all of which take part enthusiastically in the annual Olive Festival.

The oldest orchard in town is the Bothma family's **Swartrivier Olive Farm**. It is just 5kms out of Prince Albert on the gravel Kruidfontein Road (turn-off at the Prince Albert Golf Club). Here they harvest 50 - 80 tons of olives annually from 3000 trees. The Manzanilla, regarded as the benchmark of green table olives, and the Mission olives are used for processing/bottling and the fast fruiting Leccino for oil. The Bothmas strive to produce the best quality olive products, to educate people in the appreciation of olives and to encourage them to

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incorporate olive products into their everyday lives. Phone to make an appointment and they will be happy to show you the groves, the processing and to introduce you to the finer points of olive oil in a tasting.

Kredouw Farm - about 25kms from Prince Albert on the R407 towards Klaarstroom/Meiringspoort/Oudtshoorn - lies at the foot of the Kredouw Pass and is the home of *Karoo Virgin Extra Virgin Olive Oil*. The farm installed a modern Italian olive oil press in 2008 for cold pressing extra virgin olive oil. Extracted from a selection of five varieties of hand-picked Italian Olives, the oils are blended to achieve a unique flavour. When producing olive oil their objective is to make a distinct oil and the fruit is pressed within hours of being picked. The farm shop sells olive products in various containers and has a viewing window of the press. Olive picking and pressing takes place from late March to the end of May.

Just 22km out of town, on the same road, you'll find **Bergwater Olives**. This is one of three farms under the Bergwater label with imposing orchards of around 2 500 olive trees. Here the bottled, olives are made using the firm and tasty Mission olive, while oil is made from the Frantoio cultivar known for its fresh, grassy flavours and zesty aroma. The Bergwater olive groves are organic and

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Olives and Crosses

It is Olive Festival time again and in recent months we who live here have been working hard harvesting that magic little fruit, the olive. With the Festival we can take a breather to enjoy our "season of mellow fruitfulness" to the full.

Welcome to all the visitors to the Festival, those who have travelled from far and near to celebrate weddings with loved ones and those who are here just to chill and take in all that Prince Albert and the Karoo has to offer.

The volunteers who put together and run the *Friend* have worked hard to cover current issues, local personalities and news to show you what a special town this is. We hope that you will find our Olive Festival

section helpful. Have a look at the Festival programme to find complete information on all the events.

Please take time to wander through our other streets to get a sense of our town and talk to our enterprising residents. Many have so much to offer.

oOo

To all the parties and candidates contesting the municipal elections on 18 May, the *Friend* wishes you well in your campaigns. To the winners we wish the strength to keep your promises and serve every resident as best you can. May the days of a hung council, self-serving, blinkered politicians and the lack transparency and accountability be a thing of the past.

'n Christelike Perspektief: Is jy 'n faktor?

Hand. 19:15 Maar die bese gees het geantwoord en gesê: Jesus ken ek, en van Paulus weet ek, maar julle, wie is julle?

In ons dorpie ken en weet ons van 'raadsvergadering' en niks meer hoef gesê te word nie.

Maar ek wil graag met u deel – 'n raadsvergadering met skrikwekkende reëlmaat. Niemand waag dit om laat te kom nie, of nog erger, om sommer net weg te bly nie!

Die voorsitter, Lucifer, Satan, sy top bestuur, hekse, demone is in hulle duisternis teenwoordig.

Die agenda: elke naam van elkeen wat bely dat Jesus die Christus is, dat hy/sy Jesus aangeneem het as sy/haar eie persoonlike, ware Saligmaker.

Maak nie 'n fout nie – die duister magte GLO ook – en hulle sidder! (Ten minste is daár verwronge vrees.)

Elkeen se naam word genoem en terugvoering gegee:

"Nee wat! Vas aan die slaap!"

"Los maar, is so besig met die dinge van die Here, het Jesus verloor."

Grappie! Die ou spulletjie is besig met 'n skinderveldtog.

Só gaan die hoon en spot voort.

Dan skielik, doodse stilte, Lucifer kyk op – en?! Ten spyte van al ons aanvalle, vurige pyle, skanse, afbakening, bly hy/sy getrou! Eintlik, hoe feller ons pogings – hoe intenser die verdieping in Jesus.

Verskerp die aanvalle en moenie misluk nie! Dan die kosbare gebed van Jesus self: Ek het vir jou gebed...

Is jy 'n struikelblok in die vyand se planne? Werp jy skanse neer en breek vestings af? Sidder die duisternis wanneer jōu naam genoem word?

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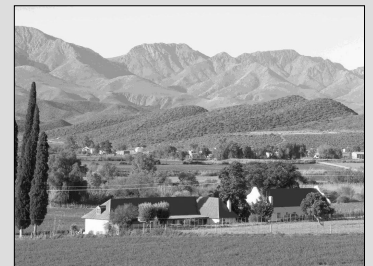


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The *Prince Albert Friend* reserves the right to edit and shorten letters. Letters must provide the writer's name, address and telephone number (not for publication).

Wanted – a fire engine that works

I do not know how many Prince Alberters have noticed, but sadly our big red fire engine, which we got before Christmas last year has left town!

Juanita Fortuin, our former Municipal Manager had, with Council's approval, entered into an agreement with the Eden District Municipality to hire the fire engine and its operator for three months from December 2010 to the end of February 2011. The plan at that stage was to use this period to come up with a permanent solution for fire protection measures. The nearest large fire station is at Beaufort West about 170 kms away, nearly two hours drive!

Our Municipality reneged on the agreement by failing to pay the District for the lease of the vehicle. This could lead to litigation between the two municipalities, which would mean yet further costs for the Municipality.

The potential fire hazard risk in the town is quite high – we have thatched-roof buildings, old buildings, *sinkhuise* and open plots that are at risk and many residents cook on an open fire. Yet our merry band of town councillors took an uninformed decision, without consulting a fire prevention expert and at the end of February sent the fire engine and its trained operator away.

When I enquired about this, Cllr Willem Jansen told me that the engine was costing R14 000 a month, which the Municipality could not afford. However, he pointed out that we had a sewage suction truck that had been fitted with additional piping and valves. Should the need arise this could be used to fight a fire, together with a bakkie mounted with a 5000 litre water tank and a small pump. I suggested that he organise a public demonstration of the converted sewage truck's fire fighting ability and inform the residents of the procedures that had been implemented to ensure that the vehicle and operator were available to put out fires.

I have established that the three drivers of the Municipal sewage trucks have not been given instructions regarding procedures to clean and fill the truck each evening and over weekends. Nor have they been trained as fire fighters or to operate the vehicle as "a fire engine."

It makes you think, does it not? The one hand appears not to know what the other hand is doing!

In the meantime I await a public demonstration of our sewage truck's fire-fighting capabilities with great interest.

John McKenna

Apartheidspyne

Deesdae, as ek net die woord apartheid hoor, kry ek pyne op plekke waar ek nie eens geweet het ek het plekke nie. Sien, hier in Prince Albert het ek apartheid in die volle sin van die woord beleef, plus nog meer.

Hier was baie soorte apartheid – dit was tussen ryk en arm, tussen bo-dorp en onderdorp, voorstraat en agterstraat, dorpsmense en plaasmense. Selfs water-erwe met leibeurte was 'n aparte groep met aparte belange.

Taal het ook skeiding gebring; Afrikaanssprekendes en Engelssprekendes het nie sommer maklik gemeng nie. Ek kon nooit mooi verstaan waarom die gowwerment destyds nie die naam Albertsburg vir die dorp wou aanvaar nie. Ten minste kon dit mos in aparte tale uitgespreek word, maar met net één spelling!

Apartheid tussen seuns en dogters was streng beheer en gehandhaaf deur middel van seunskoshuise en meisieskoshuise. Dorpskinders en koshuiskinders was ook twee aparte groepe.

En ja, daar was kleur-apartheid. Die drie hoofkleure was rooinekke, bruines en witmense; die drie of vier swartmense wat hier was, was so min, jy kon hulle darem nie juis as 'n groep reken nie.

Ten slotte (nou klink my brief darem baie na 'n preek of 'n toespraak, maar miskien kan dit maar daarvoor gebruik word) wil ek graag noem dat ons te midde van al hierdie apartheid nogal in redelike vrede hier saam (altans apart) gewoon het. Die lekkerste en leefbaarste van al hierdie apartheid was die apartheid tussen grootmense en kinders – dit het hope vryheid aan die kinders gebied en terselfdertyd sommer van die ander

(Vervolg op p 5)

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(Briewe... Vervolg vanaf p4)
skeidslyne uitgegee ook!

Ek het nog heelwat te sê, maar as ek nie nou afsluit nie, word die brief dalk te lank vir die vermoëns van onse koerantjie se lesers of redaksie, en die "bottom line lê juis in die bottom line!" So, as die laaste sin afgesny word, mis julle dalk die hele punt.

Adri Schoeman

Sam Reinders, photographer/ teacher par excellence

In the *PA Friend* of March 2011 Sam Reinders thanked Prince Alberters for the many kindnesses she receives when conducting her photographic courses in around the town.

I attended her course last year along with several friends from Prince Albert. It was highly professional without being too stiff and formal. We had a lot of fun and learnt so much. Sam explained and demonstrated the technical side with great

patience and expertise. I learnt a tremendous amount and have enjoyed my photography so much more... I have even had some of my pictures enlarged and framed!

So I would like to express my gratitude and admiration to Sam and to thank her for giving me so much more confidence with my camera.

Sandy Farmer

Thank You

Patricia and I would like to express our sincere thanks to all of the people who helped us when Patricia fell so badly outside the Museum: the gentleman who promptly phoned for medical assistance, the ambulance staff and the staff at the hospital in Prince Albert. Family, friends, pupils, acquaintances, and strangers offered food, transport, and support.

We were overwhelmed by the kindness and generosity of the Prince Albert community.

Geoff Yeo

KKNK-sukses

Die Toerisme Kantoor het na vyf jaar besluit om weer ons dorp te bemark en te verteenwoordig tydens die KKNK. So tussen die Olyffees reëlings was dit nie altyd maklik gewees om tyd-roosters, die fisiese opslaan en produkte vir verkope te organiseer nie. Daarom wil ons elkeen wat betrokke was met die stalletjie bedank. Dit was voorwaar baie suksesvol en die gesweete moeite werd.

'n Spesiale dankie aan Vrisgewaagd Boerdery, Herman Olivier en sy seuns Pieter en Jaco, vir die skenking van kratte vol granate. Die granate was uiters gewild en die verkope het feitlik ons stalletjie se huur betaal!

Weereens dankie, ons het 'n wenspan gehad. Volgende jaar maak ons weer so.

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(Vervolg op p 8)

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(Cellar is situated on the R407 – 22km out of Prince Albert – towards Klaarstroom)

Sterreprag oor Prince Albert

- Hans Daehne -

With the Autumn Equinox now well behind us the nights are rapidly becoming longer than the days. We will reach Winter Solstice with the longest night on 21 June and after this the days will start to lengthen again.

In May after the departure of the Summer constellations we will be able to enjoy the Autumn constellations overhead. They are *Leo*, the lion, *Boötes*, the herdsman, *Corvus*, the crow and *Virgo*, the virgin. For the night owls the beautiful Winter constellations of *Scorpius* and *Sagittarius* are visible later at night.

As for the planets, only Saturn will be visible in the evening. All other large planets will be morning objects in May.

Saturn is the bright yellowish "star" that moves closer and closer to *Spica*, the bright alpha star of *Virgo*. Saturn is very bright at the moment because its rings are opening up more and more and thus reflect more sunlight.

New Moon is on 3 May and Full Moon on the 17th but on 15 May an almost Full

Moon will be closest to Earth and appear close to *Spica* and Saturn.

However, the real starry splendour in the form of a trio of bright crosses is to be found in the South. Starting from East to West we first have the bright pointers (*Alpha* and *Beta Centauri*) pointing to the Southern Cross with the dark Coal Sack clearly visible. Then the elongated Diamond Cross stands out clearly and extending its long axis will lead you to the large Magellanic Cloud. Next the skew False Cross, made up out of the bordering stars of *Vela* (the Sail) and *Carina*, (the keel of the ship) completes the trio of crosses. The False Cross even has false pointers further to the West. The whole area of sky forms part of the Milky Way and harbours many surprises when viewed through a pair of binoculars or through a telescope.

To enjoy some of the celestial splendour over Prince Albert during the Prince Albert Olive Festival, consult the Festival programme or contact us on cell: 072-732-2950.

Keep the stars in your eyes!



FUTURE EVENTS

Mei 2011

1 & 2 May: Stargazing with Astro Tours

4 May: Garden Club visits four gardens. Meet at Fransie Pienaar Museum, 15:00

6 & 7 May: Stargazing with Astro Tours

10 Mei: Teedrink vir lesers bo 60, NG Kerkzaal, 10:00

13 & 14 May: Stargazing with Astro Tours

18 May: Local Government Elections

20 Mei: Bloedskenk by NG Kerkzaal, 11:30 – 14:30

27 Mei: Oupa en Ouma sit op die Stoep en raak Romanties, Jans Rautenbach Schouwburg, 19:00

27 & 28 May: Stargazing with Astro Tours

28 & 29 May: PACF Boer War outing

June 2011

3 & 4 June: Star-gazing with Astro Tours

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From the building sites the next step was into the world of real estate in 1990 - and what a great success story it turned out to be!

To me a house has soul and spirit. You can talk to it and pamper it and be proud of it. I just do not tire of showing property; of telling my clients of the special lifestyle we have in this remarkably beautiful and inspiring little town.

The people who live and work here are an amazing mix of artisans, artists, laymen, specialists, academics, entrepreneurs, free spirits...

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(Praat met my in ons mooi taal - ek is ook trots Afrikaans)



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R950,000



Ware kwaliteit in elke aspek van hierdie perfekte moderne huis met sy gronde, leiwater en dam. Die hoofslaapkamer is droom-mooi, die gastekamer ewe pragtig. Die kombuis slaan jou asem weg... Kom kyk! Ek het te min woorde.

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R4,3 mil

(Briewe... Vervolg vanaf p 5)

Geliefde dokter sal gemis word

Wie sal nou soggens bel om te hoor wat by die hospitaal aangaan en of daar probleme is? Wie sal die kantoor se radio 'n paar oomblikke uitstel om gou die krikettelling te hoor?

Wie gaan van venster na venster loop om te sien hoe lyk die wolke en dan almal inlig oor die reën wat kom of nie kom nie? Wie sal sy bril soek en dan maar Miemie s'n leen sodat hy gou 'n voorskrif kan skryf?

Wie kom nou breëbors en met blink oë vir ons vertel van sy kinders en veral sy kleinkinders wat vir hom so baie beteken en vir wie hy so lief is?

Dokter le Grange, ons mis die vroegoggendgroet en ook die halo sê as jy terugkom van die weeklikse klinieke. Ons mis die geselsies in die kantoor- en veral die "goeie" stories. Ons sal jou altyd onthou. Ons sê ook dankie aan jou vrou en kinders wat jou so bygestaan het en wat altyd verstaan het dat jy nie "tyd" het om

te gaan vakansie hou nie, ingeval die hospitaal jou nodig kry.

Lizzie Smit – Gesondheidsbestuurder – namens die personeel van die Prince Albert Hospitaal en al die pasiënte wat so lief was vir dr Jozef le Grange.

Bouers benoud oor nuwe wetgewing

Die Noord-Boland Boubedingingsraad het plaaslike bouers ingelig dat die Raad toestemming van meneer J T Crause, registrateur van Arbeidsake, gekry het om hul jurisdiksie uit te brei na die Sentraal-Karoodistrik waaronder Prince Albert ook val. Beaufort-Wes is egter uitgesluit omdat hulle onder George val. Saam met Oudtshoorn, De Rust, Calitzdorp en Ladismith het Beaufort-Wes al in 2001 by George se Boubedingingsraad aansoek gedoen om vrystelling nadat hulle 'n geruime tyd onder die wet was. Vrystelling is aan al die dorpe toegestaan.

Die Raad vereis nou dat elke bouer in Prince Albert vanaf 1 Junie by die Raad


geregistreer moet wees, anders word boup projekte gesluit totdat alle werkers geregistreer is. Die fooie vir bydraes tot pensioen- en siekefondsbetalings behels die daaglikse bedrag van onder andere R22.84 vir skoonmakers, R27.40 vir algemene werkers en R42.36 vir ambagsmanne soos verwers. Die bedrae moet weekliks oorbetal word. Hierdie bedrae kom ekstra by die werker se loon soos deur die Noord-Boland Boubedingingsraad vasgestel.

Vakansie- en siekverlofgelde gaan direk aan die werkers deur die Boubedingingsraad betaal word – bouers moet net weekliks laat weet watter werkers siek of met verlof was...

Alle bouwerk, verfwerk, plaveisel en houtwerk (al is dit ook privaat) waar 'n werker langer as 42 uur in diens is, val onder die wet.

Die feit dat bouers se voertuie verkoop word, dat van hulle al selfs hul huise verloor het omdat hulle agterstallig geraak het met betalings, maak bouers in Prince Albert angstig en baie reken dat




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ON SHOW

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PRICE: R2 895 000

One of the few double storey homes in town, this delightful house was built in 1900, as its beautiful style and finishes will attest. With five spacious bedrooms and three bathrooms, laundry, study and solid fitted kitchen, it all adds up to good old grand country living. A quaint balcony looks out on a landscaped garden (with irrigation), entertainment area and outbuildings.

Showtimes: Sat. 30th: 11h00-16h00; Sun. 31st: 11h00-14h00



NEW

Website Property Ref: RES. 32

PRICE: R4 300 000

Featured in lifestyle magazines, this enchanting country home comprises two units on 7500 SQM. The living area includes pantry, scullery and a spacious open-plan kitchen/dining area with fireplace overlooking a leiwat dam, surrounded by beautifully established indigenous plants. It also boasts a TV room with an en-suite bathroom. The sleeping unit has a main bedroom with en-suite bathroom, plus three additional bedrooms and a large comfortable bathroom.



Website Property Ref: RES. 26

PRICE: R3 150 000

With 2.8 ha of arable land, breathtaking views, mature trees and leiwat, this property is a mouthwatering prospect. The charming house will need a loving owner. Restoration is called for, but the reward will certainly be worth it; what with existing reed ceilings with poplar beams, wooden floors and solid walls. The property is ideal for cultivating olives, grapes and/or keeping livestock.



PRICE: R350 000 per plot

Situated between Jordaan and van Dyk streets, these eight individual plots, ranging from 12 000 to 14 000 SQM, offer endless possibilities to any developer.



PRICE: R780 000

Perched on 1400 SQM and recently renovated, this home has a walk-in pantry, kitchen, dining area and scullery. Two bedrooms, bathroom and guest toilet.



PRICE: R2 900 000

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PRICE: R595 000

2. Residential stand; **380 SQM**

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3. Residential stand; **1100 SQM**

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**R 850 000**

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**Karoo Elegance - R3.95m**

Superb architect designed home in excellent position on 0.5ha of land with generous water rights. Very large open plan living area with well appointed kitchen and utility rooms. The master suite is self contained with dressing room and walk in closet, and there are two further bedrooms and bathrooms, one of which is en-suite. Central heating and air conditioning, under floor heating and fan assisted fireplace provide comfortable living conditions all year round. The separate garden Cottage with open plan living/ kitchen area, and bedroom en-suite, is a bonus! Garden has mature trees, a newly planted olive grove, dam and borehole!

Grand Gable - R 3.6m

Beautiful 1854 Cape Dutch home in sought after de Beer Street, restored and sensitively remodeled to retain the charm and grace of a bygone era. Four bedrooms, three bathrooms, sitting room and wonderful open plan kitchen/dining and informal entertainment area. Formal living room with fireplace opens to covered verandah which overlooks the 4838m² garden with various fruit and nut trees, vegetable garden, borehole and leiwat dam. Large historic barn with mezzanine level, and two adjoining offices/utility rooms for easy conversion to additional guest accommodation.

**Country Estate—POA**

Amazing property of 27 ha. on 7 title deeds. Glamorous main residence with multiple accommodation arrangements, expansive formal and informal living and entertainment areas, and a sweeping staircase to five bedrooms and four bathrooms. Situated at the extreme southerly end of town, the views in all directions are breathtaking. The property has a four car garage, fully equipped butchery as well as the historic Albert's Mill national monument. In addition, the separate graded historic two bedroom self catering cottage is beautifully appointed and enjoys high occupancy levels. Dams, boreholes and the most generous of mountain water allowances make this property exceptional.





R 895 000

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R 1.6m

Modern family home on two secluded stands in very quiet position. Three bedrooms, two bathrooms, good kitchen, and large entertainment areas leading to covered patios. The water wise garden boasts an amazing collection of exotic and indigenous plants, and there is a single car garage and artist's studio!

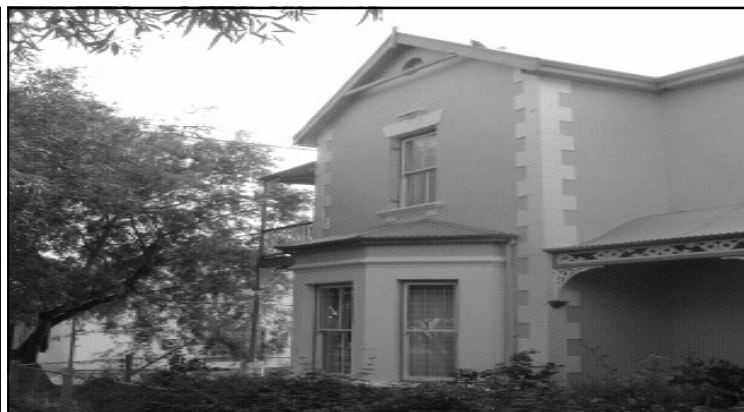


New Release-R 4.3m

Rambling country home on 7300m² of amazing land in super position with large leiwat dam, orange & olive groves, and masses of space! The main house has two wings with extensive entertainment and living areas, all flowing to vine covered pergola's, swimming pool and rolling lawns! Four bedrooms, two bathrooms, beautiful open plan living areas, kitchen, pantry & scullery, study, laundry, garage and roof top sun-downer deck with views forever. Separate privately accessed income producing cottage with open plan facilities, fireplace and private patio—this property is versatile and charming. The large garden is very well established and is full of birdlife. An exceptional opportunity to own a large property ideal for a family!

New Release - R 2.95m

Grand Victorian home in prominent position in town. Typical of its era, the house has it all; wrought iron detailing, internal doors with stained glass, lofty ceilings and tall windows, gleaming wooden floors and a beautiful staircase to three bedrooms two of which are en-suite. Downstairs the living and entertainment areas are generous, with formal living room with bay window, large dining room with period fireplace, superb kitchen with granite tops, additional bedroom and bathroom, and a fifth bedroom currently used as a study. The established garden of 700m² is well maintained, with water feature and lovely old outbuilding with laundry facility which could easily be converted into garden cottage. An excellent opportunity to own a piece of Prince Albert's heritage.



R 1.2m

Ample accommodation in this recently renovated family home in excellent position on a corner stand. Three bedrooms, main en-suite, and a family bathroom. Well fitted kitchen leading to separate dining room and enormous covered patio overlooking the garden and swimming pool. Double garage carports and two store rooms. Extremely good value for money!

(For the Love... Continued from 1)

weed control is done by judicious grazing of sheep. The handpicked oil olives are pressed at the neighbouring Kredouw Farm and the table olives processed at Swarttrivier Farm - with the finished product available from Bergwater Wine Cellar and a number of outlets in Prince Albert.

Then on the outskirts of town, next to Olienhof Caravan Park, is the award winning **Prince Albert Olives**. They won a gold medal at the recent South African Olive Industry Association Extra Virgin Olive Oil Competition with their *Karoo Blend*. A unique merging of Frantoio, Coratina, Favalosa and Mission olives, it was judged the top "delicate" oil in the commercial category. They reported that olive oil producers in other parts of the Western Cape believed that making delicate oil in the Great Karoo was impossible because of the harsh climate but that they believed otherwise!

The new building houses the olive press and has storage facilities for 90 000 litres of oil. It also has offices, storage areas for processed olives and tasting and demonstration rooms along with a shop.

There are numerous small olive growers in and around Prince Albert. Some sell their oil in local shops, while others produce enough for themselves and for the pure pleasure of using their own olive oil.

Good health option

South African olive oils compare favourably with the best in the world as demonstrated by the many prestigious international awards received. We celebrate olives not only because of the industry and jobs it creates but for its many health reasons too.

"Extra virgin olive oil has a similar anti-inflammatory effect to ibuprofen," quotes olivesgowild on its website, which goes on to say it is the natural antioxidants in fresh olive oil that play the major role in its remedial effects on the body.

It is not only the oil that does us good but also the protein, fibre, mineral and vitamin content of olives. These days

extract of olive leaf is being used as an antibacterial, antifungal and antiviral agent.

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Viva olive oil! Viva!

Prince Albert is in an ideal location for olive growing... Sheltered and watered by the Swartberg Mountains, it lies in a long narrow valley that has warm days and cool nights, thanks to the southerly breeze. "Rock, drought, silence and solitude are the ideal habitat for the majestic olive tree," quotes Medinternational, a Spanish website devoted to the Andalusian olive industry. And nowhere in Africa is this description more fitting than of our own Great Karoo.

The South African Industry in Context

In contrast to traditional olive oil consuming countries where per capita consumption of olive oil ranges between 12 - 24 L, the average South African consumes a mere 80ml (0.08 L) p.a. This highlights the tremendous opportunity for growth and expansion in this country.

The total South African consumption is +-3.5 million litres, of which local production is currently less than 20%. Extra virgin olive oil (EVOO) constitutes more than 50% of imports. Local production is solely extra virgin at present.

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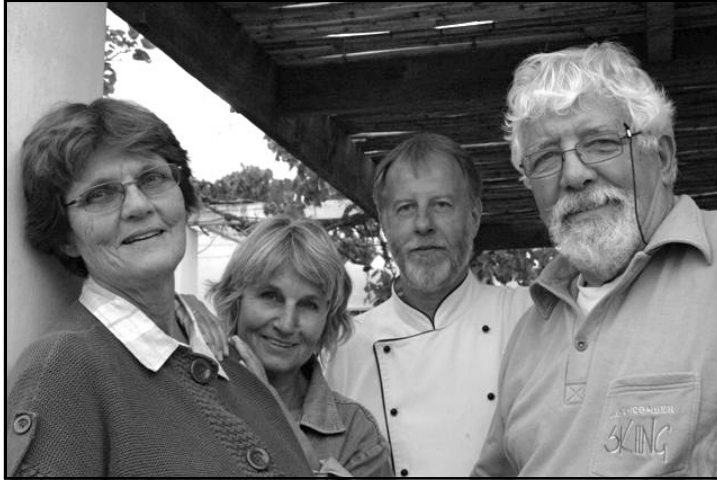
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Museumnuus: Só stook ons Witblits, geniet potjiekos en kuier



Witblitsstokers Judy Maguire, Jeremy Freemantle and Bokkie Botha and trusted helper, Annette Coetzee
(Photo: Yolande Singery)

In die Karoo, en spesifiek in Prince Albert, is daar 'n ou tradisie van witblits stook.

'n Groot koperketel vol wyn op 'n klein vuurtjie en 'n koper spiraal is hoe dit begin het en dit was 'n bekende gesig vir geslagte van Karoomense. Dis glad

nie so eenvoudig soos dit lyk nie. Die distillering van die helder vloeistof is 'n wetenskap en kuns wat vaardigheid en ondervinding verg. Net so 'n kuns is die maak van 'n uitstaande potjie.

Dit kos jare se oefen en ware kennis van wat presies in die potjie moet ingaan, 'n

bietjie van die en 'n bietjie van dáái; sonder twyfel is daar 'n klomp geheime oor hóé dinge werk en dis die mánne wat hulle ken.

Kuier is 'n sosiale wetenskap wat verfyn is deur mense wat in 'n uitgestrekte land lewe met wonings wat ver uitmekaar is. "Kom nader, buurman, ons sit saam; ek skink vir jou 'n glasie en dan eet ons lékker," is woorde wat ons kultuur ryk en belonend gemaak het.

On Saturday, 2 April, on a perfect Autumn night witblits potjiekos and good times came together in a wonderfully successful event.

Bokkie Botha, Judy Maguire, Jeremy Freemantle and helpers had been distilling for days, from dawn until the small hours to create the precious liquid and an excellent vintage it was. By early afternoon, the fire in a drum was blazing to make coals for the cooks. During the

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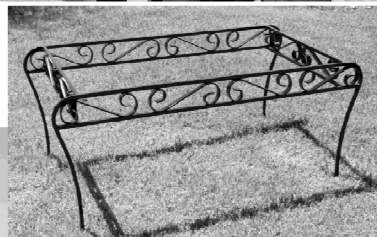
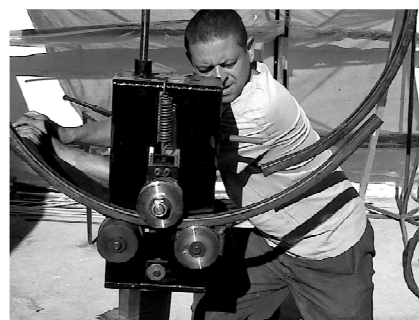
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(Museumnuus... Vervolg vanaf p 14)

afternoon farmers Willem Freysen, Leon de Wit, Riaan Verwey, Org Freysen and Karl Grové arrived in their bakkies with a collection of weird fire making contraptions and fat-bellied pots.

There was a lot of good-natured teasing and bantering and it looked like nothing was going to happen, but with a misleading casualness and a few beers, the farmers revealed that they knew exactly what they were doing. Soon there was a little smoke, hot coals shovelled just right beneath a family heirloom and mouth-watering smells drifting on a slight breeze.

At five-thirty, locals and visitors started drifting into the back of the Museum. Camp chairs were set up and groups were getting together. Witblits and the distilling thereof was being explained to all who wanted to learn.

Mary Anne Botha welcomed all comers and thanked the many volunteers who had worked so tirelessly to prepare and run the event. Judy Maguire then revealed the secrets of distilling, explaining about the *voorloop*, which can be toxic and is discarded. Then she said, the right stuff comes in a thin clear stream with an alcohol content of about 50%. After that is the *naloop* which is not much good but can be redistilled. When the precious liquid is safely in half litre bottles, the taxman strikes, and he strikes hard.

Mark Steyn, our local master auctioneer, in his irresistible way persuaded several connoisseurs to part with real money for a few bottles of vintage witblits signed by the makers, the late Jonathan Rolfe and Pieter Joubert.

"Kos is op die tafel," is aangekondig en die gaste het rustig begin naderstaan vir

'n uitstaande maaltyd. Daar was 'n verskeidenheid geurige lam en hoenderpotjies en stomende rys sowel as samp en bone. Daarby 'n verstommende versameling van slaaie wat saam bygedra het tot propvol borde. Mense het hulle ete in groepies, onder stringe ligte en met Tobie Gous se strelende musiek in die agtergrond geniet. Die atmosfeer was ontspanne terwyl almal so tussen die vure aan die McKennas se heerlike nagereg gesmul het.

Stadig het die mense minder geraak, die laastes huiswaarts gekeer en is die ligte afgeskakel. Dit was 'n uiters suksesvolle en genotvolle aand met 'n baie welkome en broodnodige profyt vir die Fransie Pienaar Museum – dankie aan elkeen.

Museumgroete
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Falcon Targets Prince Albert

- Jennifer Cohen -

"Don't worry, the chances of Falcon [Oil & Gas] doing any exploration before the end of the year are pretty slim," oozed the representative from SRK, a mining and water consultancy. Small consolation for Gay van Hasselt, whose farm Blaauwkrantz, 30km north of Prince Albert on the Kruidfontein Road, is under threat.

The farm borders land owned by our neighbours Neil Rossouw, Johan Fourie, Fred Badenhorst, Morné Bothma, Joseph Steyn and Ewan Augustyn. 133 Farms are targeted for seismic testing in the Prince Albert District alone, part of the 30 000 square kilometre Falcon Block, which extends across three provinces.

Falcon, like Shell and three other oil and gas companies, is hoping to extract natural gas from Karoo shale using the controversial hydraulic fracturing method, or 'fracking'.

Gay and all of those attending a screening of *Gasland*, the Oscar-nominated documentary about fracking in America at the Jans Rautenbach Schouwburg received a sobering crash course on the mechanics and possible effects of fracking on the health of people, livestock, wild animals, birds and pets, as well as the land, air and water near the gas companies' operations.

The periods for public comment on Falcon's and now Shell's environmental management plan have come and gone. Falcon will know by the 5 May if it can proceed with its exploration and Minister of Mineral Resources Susan Shabangu is due to decide in August whether to allow Shell exploration rights for the 90 000 square kilometre area near Beaufort West. Among hundreds of submissions, the regulators must consider:

- A group of South African and foreign scientists calling on President Zuma to halt the process;
- Treasure the Karoo Action Group re-

questing a moratorium, pending studies into water supply and quality, alternative land uses, and the decision on South Africa's bid to host the Square Kilometre Array telescope, which would be jeopardised by fracking activities;

- Agri SA seeking an urgent interdict in the High Court if a moratorium is not imposed;
- The Centre for Environmental Rights asking for an extension to the comment period so it might convene workshops around the Karoo aimed at the disadvantaged and vulnerable communities;
- Swimmer Lewis Pugh giving an impassioned speech, suggesting that fracking the Karoo would be unconstitutional.

While it's too late for public comment on Falcon's plans for Gay's farm and our region, Derek Light, an attorney representing Karoo farmers, has filed an objection to Falcon's application with the

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regulator. If Falcon's exploration permit is granted, Light has established grounds for an appeal.

Anyone registered as an Interested/Affected person – whether you are a landowner, a farm worker, a tour operator, or a business person can file an objection with the attorney Derek Light. It is even more important that more local landowners and farmers retain Mr Light to represent them in any legal challenges he raises. The cost to do so should not exceed R500 since Agri SA has committed to subsidise the fee.

For those born in or drawn to the magical, unsullied Karoo it is difficult to imagine hundreds of drill sites with their noise, pollution and lights; thousands of trucks carrying equipment, chemicals and water through our towns; or our pristine Karoo air and water contributing to cancer, Parkinson's, Alzheimer's, diabetes, asthma, learning disorders and endocrine disrupting effects. And for those buoyed by the promise of jobs, alas Shell's spokesperson confirmed: "Job opportunities would be very limited as the majority of jobs would be specialist skills provided by the drilling companies we would contract. The few unskilled jobs available would be, for example, to clear the vegetation for the exploration sites."

Very little is known with any certainty about fracking. Parts of the US, Canada and France have imposed a moratorium on the activity until such time as their respective environmental authorities offer a definitive assessment of the risks.

Johann Rupert, one of the many landowners objecting to the process in the Karoo summed it up: "We are not against responsible exploration or extraction; we are against Russian roulette."

Anyone interested in seeing the DVDs Gasland, What You Need To Know About Fracking, or Split Estate can contact Lisa Smith at Onse Rus who is willing to loan them. She also has forms for people to sign up as Interested/Affected Persons, which attracts no charge, and Derek Light's contact details.

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VERKIESING: VIR WIE MOET EK STEM?

Die Vriend het die drie politieke partye, sowel as die onafhanklike kandidaat wat aan die plaaslike regeringsverkiesing in die Prince Albert munisipale gebied, op 18 Mei deelneem, genader om die volgende drie vrae te beantwoord:

1. *Hoekom moet kiesers vir u party stem?*
2. *Wat is u visie vir ons munisipale area vir die volgende vyf jaar, en hoe sal u dit uitvoer?*
3. *Hoe gaan u u verantwoordbaarheid teenoor elke inwoner bewys?*

Dieselfde blad-spasie is aan elke party se antwoord toegeken.

African National Congress (ANC)



Baie dankie vir die geleentheid wat die koerant ons bied om die plaaslike ANC se visie vir die volgende 5 jaar aan alle inwoners in ons munisipale gebied deur te gee.

1. Om vir die ANC oor die volgende vyf jaar te stem is om 'n beter lewe daar te stel vir al ons inwoners, maar slegs as ons dit saam doen. Ons kan alleenlik dit doen as ons die gemeenskap saam in die prosesse van die raad neem deurdat ons publieke deelname uitbrei, wykskomitees in werking stel, artikel 79 komitees in plek sit om die raad te adviseer en om bekwame personeel in plek te sit. Saam kan ons 'n verskil maak in die lewens van ons mense en kan ons armoede uitwis.

2. Vir die volgende 5 jaar sien ek dat alle rasse-groepe oor die munisipale area integreer dmv die ANC se nasionale manifeste waarin daar beloof word dat 80,000 huurwonings oor die volgende termyn

aangebring sal word. Daar is 'n moontlikheid in Prince Albert dat grond beskikbaar gestel kan word om veral middel-inkomste-groepe te verenig. Indien die ANC met 'n volstreekte meerderheid wen, kan 'n ANC beheerde raad, in samewerking met die provinsiale en nasionale regerings, die armoede in PA met die ondersteuning van die plaaslike besighede uitwis.

My verdere visie is ook om ABET leerders aan te moedig en met buite-organisasies 'n goeie werksverhouding te bou om sodoende die gemeenskap te kan dien.

3. Om 'n verantwoordelike en oopdeur-beleid aan alle inwoners te verseker. Om die inwoners waarde vir hul geld te gee. Om altyd in kontak te bly met die mense dmv nuusbriewe, kennisgewings en gemeenskaps-vergaderings.

Die ANC het nog nooit die munisipaliteit alleen regeer nie, maar sou ons die meerderheid stemme in die verkiesing kry, kan die inwoners verseker wees van die beste diens in die munisipale gebied.

*Raadslid April Pienaar
- ANC Kandidaat Wyk 4 -*

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Debbie Badenhorst: Onafhanklike kandidaat



1. Ek staan onafhanklik as 'n voorstaander van demokrasie en Christelike beginsels. Ek is nie partygebonde nie.

Rede? Partygebondenheid lê jou aan bande. Die Partye se beleide kom van die streek- of provinsie se strukture. Hierdie beleide is NIE noodwendig van toepassing op ons Munisipale area se unieke behoeftes nie.

Voorbeeld: Raadslede sit vandag in 'n

vergadering en maak saam besluite rondom die sake wat op die tafel is. Mōre moet elke raadslid aan sy/haar streek, of hoër strukture, rapporteer, en dan word hulle beïnvloed of selfs "in die bek geruk" deur die party. Wat was die doel van hierdie urelange vergadering?

As onafhanklike kandidaat kan ek my "boots and all" aan die belange van die gemeenskap wy. Ek laat my nêr voorsê deur:

- die gemeenskap se behoeftes
- plaaslike omstandighede

As boorling van Prince Albert is ek deeglik bewus van albei hierdie aspekte. Ek het my gemeenskap reeds op verskeie vlakke gedien, en doen steeds voort.

2. My visie vir die hele munisipale area is:

- Korruptsie-vrye bestuur en doeltreffende administrasie
- Dienslewering van hoogstaande gehalte (water, elektrisiteit, paaie en strate, netheid van dorpe, ens.)
- Om te dien en my te laat lei deur die raamwerk van die Munisipale Stelsels en Strukture van die Wet van 2000. (Die Munisipale wetgewing gaan my riglyne wees waarvolgens ek sal opereer en besluite neem.)
- Beywering vir billike en bekostigbare tariewe vir dienste sowel as belasting.
- Armoede-verligting en bekamping van sosiale euwels.
- Samevattend, my visie vir my munisipale area: 'n gesonde en veilige gemeenskap.

3. Ek sal geen leë beloftes maak nie, maar waarvan u seker kan wees, is dat ek my op hoogte gaan stel van:

- Wat wil die gemeenskap hê?
- Hoe gaan die wetgewing my toelaat om dit uit te voer?
- Ek sal u, die gemeenskap, se saak helder en duidelik aan die raad stel, sodat sinvolle en uitvoerbare besluite geneem kan word. (Dit is waarvoor 'n raadslid daar is - besluite wat geneem is, moet

(Vervolg op p 25)



Prince Albert Olyffees / Olive Festival 2011

Iets vir almal en elke ouderdom!

Sien, proe en beleef olywe en olyfolie

Essie se Olyfpraatjie

Leer alles ivm olywe, olywe kweek en verwerk by monde van Essie Esterhuizen, die bekroonde olyfoliemaaker, van **Prince Albert Olives**

Prince Albert Olives se olyfpars, stoor-fasiliteite en winkel is almal gerieflik saam onder een dak in hulle indrukwekkende nuwe gebou met 'n uitsig oor boorde olyfbome en die puur skoonheid van die Karoo. Essie gee self 'n praktiese verduideliking van die proses vanaf die olyfboom tot by die pars en volg dit dan direk op met 'n olyfolieproe. Moet dit nie misloop nie!

Bespreking is essensieel (skakel Wendy 072 465 8314) en beperk tot 12 persone. Saterdag, 30 April, en Sondag, 1 Mei, 09:30 - 10:30 en 11:30 - 12:30. R150 per persoon. Prince Albert Olives, Hopestraat (naby die Olienhof-karavaanpark).

Swartrivier, Prince Albert se eerste olyfplaas

'n Geleentheid vir stedelinge en die jonges van hart om op 'n **trekker** die olyfboorde by Swartrivier, Prince Albert se oudste olyfplaas, te verken. **Jan 'Olyf' Bothma** sal die verskillende kultivars

wat op die plaas groei bespreek en verduidelik hoe hulle geoes, verwerk en gepars word.

Trekkertoere- Saterdag, 30 April, 12:00 – 14:30 en 15:00 – 17:30.

Kom by BP garage aan die Noordelike ingang van die dorp bymekaar.

Volwassenes: R50; Kinders onder 10: R30; Voorskools - gratis

Nog 'n lekkerte die jaar is 'n **laat onthypiekniek** op Sondag, 1 Mei tussen 9:00 en 10:00, wat Jan en Annelien Bothma in hulle olyfboord teen R80 per persoon aanbied. Vind asb self u pad na Swartrivier – Draai af na Kruidfontein net na die Prince Albert Gholfklub. Swartrivier se ingang is ongeveer 4km verder op linkerkant.

Il Molinetto te Kredouw-plaas

Bring gerus ook 'n besoek aan Kredouw-plaas se olyfpars – Il Molinetto – 25Km buite die dorp in die skilderagtige Prince Albert Vallei. Kredouw-plaas produseer **Karoo Virgin Extra Virgin Olyfolie**.

Proe die olie vars uit die pars by die plaas se winkel. Saterdag, 30 April, 10:00 tot 15:00.

Nature Walks



Wolwekraal Nature Reserve lies just 3km north of Prince Albert. Superficially, this dry Karoo area appears to have little to offer the nature lover. However, on the walk through the reserve, botanist Sue Milton-Dean and ornithologist Richard Dean, will prove otherwise.

The Reserve is small – just 120 ha – land enough to feed only 20 sheep in a good year. The climate is semi-desert. Rainfall averages about 150 mm/year and plant cover is sparse, grey and less than half a metre high. Soils are so shallow that Ecca mudstone is exposed over much of the area. The Dorps River, the river from which the village of Prince Albert draws all its water, has meandered over the area for millennia leaving behind pebbles carried from the Swartberg. Parts of the reserve have been altered by gravel mining and past herding practices. All these different habitats lead to a surprisingly diverse vegetation and animal life.

The walk will be memorable and you will discover a fascinating and often overlooked world in the dull brown veld.

Friday, 29 April, 16:00 – 18:00; Saturday, 30 April, 07:30 – 09:30; Sunday, 1 May, 07:30 – 09:30 and 16:00 – 18:00. Booking limited to 15 people. R50 per person. Meet at Tourism Office.

Prince Albert Landbouskougenootskap

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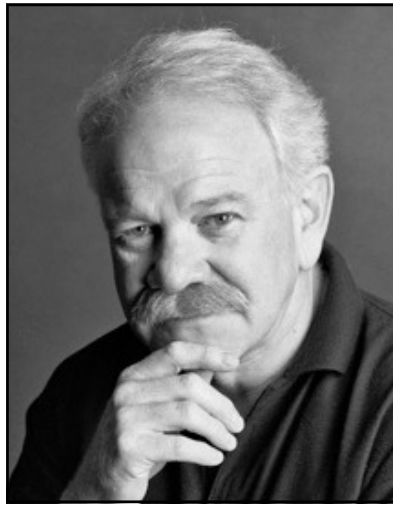
Leopards, Love Potions and Other Marico Tales

There is probably no better fibber or teller of tall stories in South African literature than Herman Charles Bosman's Oom Schalk Lourens, with the possible exception of Ou Stoffel Gieljam who was created by C.J. Langenhoven in *Doppers en Filistyne*.

As a schoolboy, Eric Nobbs vowed to play both these characters one day and now takes up the mantle of the late, great Patrick Mynhardt, whose portrayal of Oom Schalk made it a part of our literary fabric. Nobbs brings these wonderfully romantic, humorous and touching stories to a new generation of theatre lovers.

Direkteur, Louis van Niekerk, skryf: "Mens wonder altyd wat het Bosman beweeg daartoe om in Engels te skryf wat die gees van Afrikaans vasvat en in die liegproses karakters te skep wat vir enigiemand wat lieg ken en verstaan, as mede-leuenaar, na aan die hart lê. (Soos 'n tier wat aan jou broek snuffel.)

Liegstories, verhale, dramas, operas, ballet, gedigte, musiek, toneelspeel is almal maar net vorms van die kuns om ons vir 'n wyle weg te vat uit die gemors en waarheid van eie omstandighede na 'n plek waar dit lekkerder is as die hier en nou.

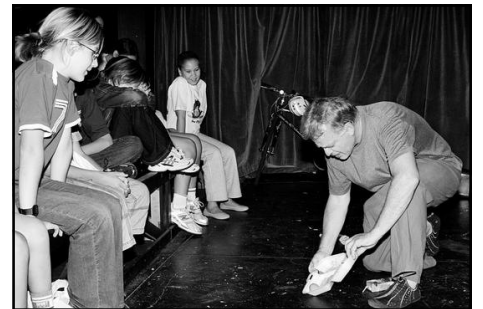


Eric Nobbs, 'n bekende Suid-Afrikaanse akteur, is te sien as Oom Schalk Lourens in *Leopards, Love Potions and Other Marico Tales*.

Met Bosman se liegstories vat Herman Charles en Schalk Lourens en Eric Nobbs ons vir 'n uur uit ons self met leuens, bedrog en kullery na 'n plek waar ons kan glimlag en ontroer word deur iets binne in ons wakker te maak wat te lank al slapende is – in Afri-engels."

Leopards, Love Potions and Other Marico Tales is on at the Jans Rautenbach Schouwburg on Saturday, 30 April 2011, at 19:00. Tickets at R80 each on sale at the Prince Albert Tourism Office.

Poolspew & Goodroprain - Children's Theatre

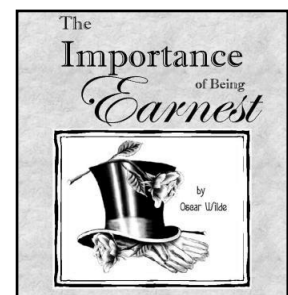


David Muller in *Poolspew & Goodroprain* at the Science Festival in Grahamstown. (Photo: Tijana Huysamen)

Poolspew & Goodroprain is a story written and performed by David Muller about two raindrops. One finds itself in a mountain stream in a river eventually surfing in the bright blue sea; the other finds itself first on a factory roof, then in a gutter, in the road, down a storm water pipe, in a canal, in the sea. One is happy full of life, the other miserable and addicted to pollution. Goodroprain summons help for Poolspew. Along comes help...the rest is history.

Saturday, 30 April, 13:30 – 14:30, St John's Church Hall, Bank Street.
Tickets . Adults: R20.
Children (12 yrs and younger): R10.

Patchwork Theatre Presents...



Prince Albert's Patchwork Theatre returns to the Olive Festival with its adaptation of Oscar Wilde's sparkling comedy, *The Importance of Being Earnest*. The play has stood the test of time and its witty comments on Victorian society and its institutions remain as funny and fresh now as they were when first performed in 1895.

Sunday, 1 May, 17:00 – 18:30, St John's Church Hall. Tickets: R40

Prince Albert Olyffees 2011

KOM SPOEG SAAM

Olyfpitspoegkompetisie
Saterdag, 30 April, 2.30nm

Wen die Clive van Hasselt-beker
en Lekker pryse!

Mense van enige ouderdom is
welkom om deel te neem!



Whale Nation



David Muller, raconteur par excellence, brings his acclaimed one-man show to Prince Albert's Olive Festival. As Tommy the fisherman he tells sea stories that are both humorous and poignant. According to the *Cape Argus*, David's rendition of Heathcote Williams' epic poem *Whale Nation* is a tour de force, which will entertain, delight and move the whole audience.

Saturday, 30 April, 17:30 – 18:30, Onse Rus Guest House, Church St. Tickets are on sale at the Tourism Office. Adults: R40. Children (12 yrs and under): R20.

Children's Stories

Well-known children's stories brought to life by children – the Patchwork Theatre – for children and adults too!

*Saturday, 30 April, 11:30 – 12:15;
Sunday, 1 May, 11:30 – 12:15, St John's Church Hall. Tickets: R10.*

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FILMFEEES!

Twee trefferfilms uit die Suid-Afrikaanse filmskat word tydens die Olyffees by die Jans Rautenbach Schouburg vertoon. Met die vriendelike vergunning van Laetitia van Dyk en Japie Gouws nooi die Prince Albert Kultuurvereniging feesgangers om die films saam met hulle te kom geniet in die pragtige venue met sy uitstrekende klanktoerusting.

Blink Stefaans

Sondag 14:00 (94 minute)

Jans Rautenbach se heerlike roman-tiese komedie het 'n jong Regardt van den Bergh in die dubbele hoofrol. Vaalseun Fanus, wat glad nie deur die mooie maar onbereikbare Linda (Jana Celliers) raakgesien word nie, se lewe verander oornag in 'n sprokie met die intrede van Blink Stefaans (ook uiters vernuftig gespeel deur Van den Bergh). Maar... gaan die feeërhaal hou? Gaan Chrissie (die Zoli Marki) as die teenpool van die hovaardige Linda enige hond haaraf maak? Ai, en is sy nie alte pragtig om na te kyk nie! Ook te sien is 'n vespotte George Ballot, onderduimse At Botha en knorrige Janice Honeyman, wat ook later almal diep spore in die Suid-Afrikaanse kuns- en film-wêreld getrap het! Kom kyk saam!

The Gods Must Be Crazy

Sunday 19:00 (105 minutes)

Jamie Uys entered the world stage with this film, telling the story of a small Bushman community who share and share alike – until a wonderful object falls from heaven. Why did the gods only send one Coke bottle, something cold and hard that you cannot share? Xi is sent to throw the bottle over the edge of the earth – and his eventful journey is the theme of a most memorable and enjoyable film. Three of South Africa's highly acclaimed actors, Marius Weyers, Sandra Prinsloo and Nic de Jager do not intimidate the Bushman Xao who plays the leading part. This magical film is timeless – a true treasure written, produced and directed by one of the icons in the South African film industry. See it!

('n Donasie van R25 sal welkom wees en gaan aan die Prince Albert Kultuurstigting)



A Bird's Eye View of Prince Albert



See Prince Albert as you've never seen it before! Join experienced pilot Frederick Scilliers for an exciting first at this year's Olive Festival – **helicopter flips** over Prince Albert, the Ou Kloof Dam and the Prince Albert Valley ('Die Gang'), and to Gamkaskloof, 'Die Hel', and back. Each trip accommodates three passengers.

Saturday, 30 April, 10:30 – 17:00 and Sunday, 1 May, 10:00 – 17:00. Tickets and departure from the High School rugby field or pre-book at the Tourism Office. Over Prince Albert, R200 per person, Ou Kloof Dam and Prince Albert Valley, R300 per person, to Gamkaskloof and back, R1000 per person.

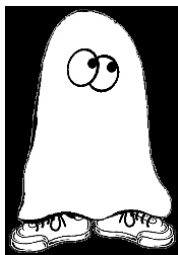
The Ghost Walk

Join Prince Albert's Story Weaver, Ailsa Tudhope, for a walk around the streets of Prince Albert, in the company of the **Ghosts of Prince Albert**.

The stories introduce you to characters who have lived here over the years - and the ghosts who don't want to leave!

A light-hearted mobile one-woman show which reveals some of the village's treasures and hidden skeletons.

The walk takes 1¼ hours and is through the streets, along pavements and roads, so sensible shoes are best. Bring a torch if possible.



*Friday, 29 April,
18:00
Saturday, 30 April,
and Sunday, 1 May,
21:00.
Meet at
St John's Church.
Adults: R50
Children: R25.*

Birdwatching with Japie Claassen

Japie Claassen, a well-known bird guide in the Karoo and South Africa, is offering birding trips during the Olive Festival. Prince Albert with its about 240 bird species, has a variety of habitats and is famous for its larks and other small brown jobs - LBJs. Japie's trips will therefore be mostly into the plain areas towards Seekoegat and the Gamkapoort Dam.

The outings will leave from the Swartberg Hotel on:

*Saturday, 30 April at 08:00
and at 14:00 in the afternoon.
Sunday, 1 May at 08:00 and 14:00*

Trips will last three to four hours and cost R100.00 a person.

A maximum of six people can be accommodated in Japie's comfortable Volkswagen Kombi.

Don't Miss Out on Stargazing

Let Tilanie and Hans Daehne of Astro Tours show you the stars!

Stargazing has become the hottest activity on planet Earth. Tilanie and Hans are passionate astronomers and their enthusiasm for the universe is so contagious that you will also beam with amazement at every gaze into the sky during a tour over the bright sky on a dark, cloudless night in Prince Albert.

Join them during the Olive Festival on a tour through the celestial splendour of the Southern Hemisphere.

*Saterdag, 30 April, 19:00 – 22:00.
Op die rugbyveld van
Hoërskool Swartberg, Pastoriestraat.
Sondag, 1 Mei, 16:00 – 23:00.
Klipstraat 17.*

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(Verkiesing... vervolg vanaf p 20)
uitgevoer word.)

- Ek sal nie inmeng in Administrasie nie, maar deur die neergelegde kanale, kontroleer of besluite wel uitgevoer word.
- Terugvoering na Raadsvergaderings aan my gemeenskap, sal vir my prioriteit wees.

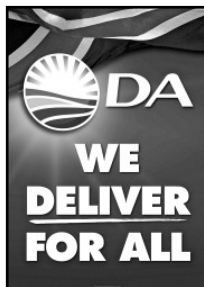
Ek word nie deur streekstrukture voorgesê nie, daarom is my hande losser, en my ore oper. My dryfkrag vir die volgende vyf jaar as raadslid - eerlik, nederig, in diens van al ons plaaslike mense en hul behoeftes.

Kontak my op 072 234 6269.

Debbie Badenhorst
- Onafhanklike kandidaat Wyk 2 -

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Demokratiese Alliansie (DA)



1. DA candidates went through an extremely rigorous selection process especially the mayoral candidates who faced a selection panel of 28 members. Consequently the councillors can draw on the collective strength of the party and its structures.

The DA is the only party that truly believes and works towards a constitutional democracy; independence of the courts; creating an environment conducive to growing a liberating economy.

Die DA het die nodige party dissipline in plek om enige raadslid wat nie op sigbare dienslewering ingestel is nie, te verwyder.

2. The vision of the DA in Prince Albert has two elements. One being to influence

debate and policy on a national level as it pertains to those matters such as housing, education, health and social services that are national and provincial competencies.

Die tweede element fokus op plaaslike dienslewering in lyn met die fondse wat beskikbaar is. Die DA kan geen beloftes maak nie, MAAR kan onderneem om nie geld te spandeer wat die gebied nie het nie; dit kan nie sonder meer belastings verhoog sonder om die betaalvermoë van die inwoners in ag te neem nie.

Die DA het reeds onderneem om sonder verwyd onmiddellik met 'n proses van dissipline en gemeenskapsingesteldheid te begin en om seker te maak dat armoede-verligting elke besluit beïnvloed. Die groei elemente van die gebied bly toerisme en landbou en dus moet maatreëls in plek geplaas word om verdere ontwikkeling moontlik te maak. Die DA is ook baie besorg oor die klaarblyklike gebrekkige kommunikasie tussen inwoners en die Raad en dit moet dringend aangespreek word.

Wat betref infrastruktuur moet die drakrag van die bestaande stelsel van water, stormwater, riool, paaie en elektrisiteit bepaal word en die verbetering daarvan in lyn wees met die betaalvermoë van die inwoners. Ons sal bepaal seker maak dat ons ons regmatige toedeling vir sulke projekte van die provinsiale en nasionale regering ontvang.

3. 'n Oopdeur beleid: deursigtig en kru eerlik! We undertake to rotate Council meetings so that we are all continually reminded that Klaarstroom and Prince Albert Road are also "our" village. An effective ward committee system and quarterly open public feedback meetings will ensure we stay humble and focus.

Within six months you will know it was the right decision to give the DA a clear and outright majority and to appoint us custodians of our municipality for the next five years!

Annelie Rabie
- Kandidaatburgemeester -

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Karoo Gemeenskap Party



1. As alternatiewe plaaslike regering het ons ten doel om die TOTALE GEMEENSKAP van Prince Albert te dien. In ons strewe om dit te bereik, sal u hoor tydens die aanloop na die verkiesing dat ons nie oor ander mense/partye praat nie, want ons glo daaraan om net ons boodskap aan u te verkondig.

Ons ondervinding van gemeenskaps-werk, kennis van finansiële bestuur en ons eerbare benadering tot elke individu maak ons die logiese keuse in die komende Plaaslike Verkiesing.

Ons is MENS-MENSE en sal ten alle tye DOELTREFFENDE DIENSLEWERING aan die TOTALE GEMEENSKAP eerste stel.

Ons sal die een deel van die "FREEDOM CHARTER" letterlik laat herleef in die Munisipale gebied van "THE PEOPLE SHALL GOVERN". Ons sal nie bang wees om met die Gemeenskap te konsulteer oor wat vir hulle belangrik is nie.

2. Ons Visie vir die totale gemeenskap van Prince Albert is:

Om 'n korrupsievrye en skoon Raad, insluitend amptenare, daar te stel wat moet lei tot doeltreffende dienslewering, ongeag ras, geslag en agtergrond van persoon.

Ons sal daarna streef om 'n advies – en ouditkomitee saam te stel wat op 'n kwartaallikse basis sal vergader om saam met die Raad te kyk of die doelstellings bereik is en of daar binne die begroting van die Raad gebly is. Enige afwykings sal onmiddellik deur die Raad in samewerking met beoogde komitees bespreek word met die doel om te kyk na moontlike oplossings.

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(Briewe... Vervolg vanaf p 8)

hulle arbeid sal moet afskaal; selfs hul praktykte sal moet sluit. Die gevolg gaan net meer werkloosheid wees.

Die algemene gevoel is dat Prince Albert ook die reg het om soos die ander dorpe vrystelling te kry en dat die dorp ook eerder onder George moet resorteer. Daar is groot onsekerheid oor hoe die oorbetalings geadministreer gaan word, en of werkers werklik gaan baat by die stelsel.

Wie gaan verseker dat werkers elke week hul regmatige lone kry? Wil die werkers eerder voordele as werk hê? Besef werkers dat dit min baat om net vir kort tydperke aan 'n pensioenskema te behoort? Kan bouers in 'n klein dorpie soos Prince Albert hierdie ingrypende wet bekostig waar daar nie voortdurend groot projekte is wat volhoubare werksekerheid bied nie?

Op 7 April het die bouers van Prince Albert deur plaaslike prokureur Riaan Coetsee 'n versoekskrywe aan die Raad gerig om om kwytskelding - of minstens 'n verlaagde fooi - te vra. Die bouers kan

nie verstaan waarom hulle 'n honderd persent bydrae moet maak terwyl elektriese kontrakteurs byvoorbeeld net vyftig persent moet oorbetal nie. Die werker betaal slegs sowat R4 om aan 'n vakbond te behoort.

Daar word beoog om 'n vergadering te belê met die Boubedingsraad en belangstellendes word hiermee ernstig versoek om te kom saampraat.

Nadere inligting is te kry by die Boubedingsraad by 023 342 0085 of faks na 023 347 3630.

Bekommerde bouer
(Die skrywer se identiteit is aan die Vriend bekend.)

Follow Your Money

The budgeted expenditure for our Council for the financial year 2011/12 is R2,030,000 broken down as follows:

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- Deputy Mayor R260,000
- Each councillor R200,000

It is no wonder that all our existing councillors, bar one, are standing for re-election in the upcoming election.

The above excludes the R91,000 for the personal assistants to the Mayor and the Speaker and the indirect costs which will be incurred.

We as a community do not object to our civil servants being paid a decent salary. However, at these salaries we cannot afford to elect people who regularly walk out of meetings on party political issues and make irresponsible financial decisions.

This regular occurrence in the past has jeopardized the proper administration and financial security of the municipality. The Prince Albert community deserves and should demand better.

Penny Wise
(The writer's identity is known to the Friend)

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Kinders sien hulle eie oupas en oumas in dié twee karakters; ou getroudes herken die kleinlike konflikte in hul eie huwelike, en mense op pad na die voorstoep begin onder groot gelag effe paniekerig raak oor die stoepsit wat kom.

Prince Albert Ratepayers' and Residents' Association: How the Voting Works

- PARRA committee -

A good look at how we will vote on 18 May has not shown up any mysteries, but the whole process needs careful attention to ensure that you vote correctly. To start with, the Prince Albert district has been divided into four wards each of which has its own specific voting station. And remember that you can only vote in the voting district where you are registered.

Ward 1

Leeu-Gamka, Kruidfontein and Prince Albert Road

Voting stations are Leeu-Gamka Community Hall, Kruidfontein Stoor and Prince Albertweg School

Ward 2

Southend and a portion of Northend

Voting stations are Sydwell Williams Centre (also known as the "Bejaardesorgsentrum") in Buitekant Street, Northend.

Ward 3

Northend

Voting stations are Pinkster Protestante Kerk, cnr Kamp and Malva Streets

Ward 4

Rondomskrik, Klaarstroom, Drie Riviere and Seekoegat

Voting stations are Die Bidhuisie in Kwikkie Street, Klaarstroom Community Hall, Drie Riviere Farm Shed, and Seekoegat School

To vote for a new council for the Prince Albert municipality you will be given three ballot papers.

With the first ballot paper you will vote for a councillor in your ward. That will be the person you feel is best equipped to represent *your* interests in municipal matters. The three political parties contesting the elections have candidates

standing in each of the four wards, (plus Deborah Badenhorst is standing as an independent candidate in Ward 2). The logo of the political party will be featured on the ballot paper with the candidate's name alongside. And, in the case of the independent candidate, her photograph appears in place of a logo. The outcome of this ballot will result in four ward councillors being elected.

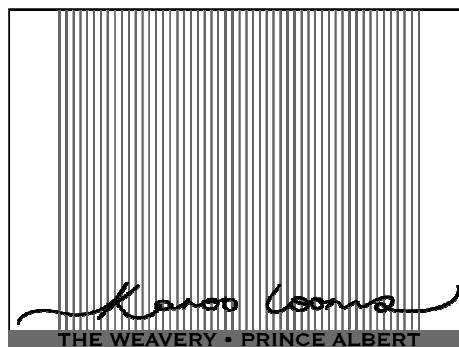
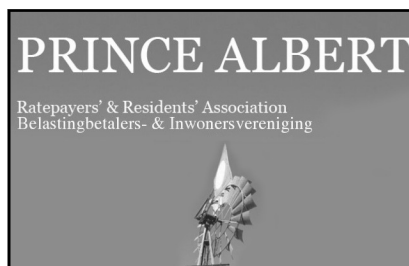
The second ballot paper will be used to elect "proportional representation" councillors to serve on the Council. The outcome of which will result in three more councillors, bringing the total to seven (thus avoiding a 'hung' council). With this second ballot paper you will vote for a political party not an individual candidate.

With the third ballot paper you will vote for the party that you think is best qualified to represent the Prince Albert Municipality on the Central Karoo District Council in Beaufort West.

To sum up, with the first paper you will vote for a particular person. With the second and third papers you will vote for a political party. And take note, on each ballot paper you will only vote once, more than one 'X' will result in a spoilt paper.

If you would like to know more you are welcome to call Kelly Cloete who represents the I.E.C. in Prince Albert. Her contact numbers are 023 5411670/ 074 561 7386 and she is in her office, opposite the library, between 8am and 5pm.

Every voter in the Prince Albert Municipal district is urged to cast his or her vote on 18 May. It is your democratic right and your duty. It is also your only opportunity to have a say in who and how Prince Albert is to be governed for the next five years.



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Een Mens het baie name



Bo:
Kunstenaar Christene Thomas,
wat Outa Piet Balelie se stories en
rympies opgeneem het. Haar
skilderye is 'n uitbeelding van
Outa Piet se kleurvolle kleredrag
en kreatiwiteit.



Bo: Lede van die Karoo Olywe by die opening

Onder: Denise Ohlson vertel van die
lewenspad van Piet Balelie.



Op 1 April is die Prince Albert Gallery se uitstalling van Christine Thomas se skilderye en Piet Balelie se skeppings deur Denise Ohlson bekendgestel. Denise het 'n kort oorsig van Outa Piet se lewenspad gegee en dit met dié woorde opgesom:

“En so sien julle nou vanaand twee kunstenaars hier in lewende lywe – Christine hoopvol dat sy in haar skilderye en woordvertolking reg laat geskied het aan Piet se lieflike kreatiwiteit en sy kosbare woordkuns – en Piet, spoggerig in sy aanskoulike klere en sy fantastiese hoed – maar een van die vyf wat sy filosofiese credo uitbeeld”.

(Verkiezing... vervolg vanaf p 25)

Bogenoemde komitees sal saamgestel word uit persone woonagtig in die munisipale gebied van Prince Albert.

3. Ons verantwoordbaarheid en deursigtigheid sal gebaseer word op doeltreffende interaksie en kommunikasie met die totale gemeenskap van Prince Albert.

Wykskomitees sal 'n werklikheid word en dit sal die basis vorm vir inwoners om probleme indringend te bespreek en te soek na oplossings.

Die kantoor van die burgemeester sal toeganklik wees vir die totale gemeenskap en inwoners sal in kwartaalvergaderings met die plaaslike owerheid die geleentheid kry om somer lekker te praat oor probleme. Indien probleme gerapporteer word en u kry nie bevredigende terugvoering nie, sal ons u aanmoedig om ons op streeks – of provinsiale vlak te rapporteer om ons sodoende tot verantwoording te roep.

Algemeen

Ons wil alle partye sterkte toewens vir die komende plaaslike verkiesing en vertrou dat elke inwoner in die Munisipale gebied die demokratiese geleentheid gegun sal word om sy/haar keuse op 18 Mei 2011 te maak sonder om bedreig te voel.

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Veteraan-trekkers na 'Die Hel'



Veteraan trekkers kruip af teen die kronkelpad na Gamakaskloof (Foto: Peta Barnard)

- Marinette Joubert -

Al ooit 'n Veteraan Trekker sien ry na 'Die Hel'? Op 19 Maart het 21 trekkers van die Suid-Kaap Veteraan Trekker en Implemente Klub die tog aangepak. Die dag begin vroegoggend by De Hoek onder begeleiding van die Prince Albert Verkeersafdeling. By Kobus se Gat eers gou 'n vroeë ontbyt waarna die tog na Gamkaskloof aangedurf word.

By Kliphuisvlei wag Pieter Joubert hulle in met 'n vars koppie boeretroos en beskuit, net wat 'n man nodig het na die eerste paar kilometers. Innerlik versterk en met gerekte bene durf hulle die 27 km wat voorlê opgewonde en trots aan.

Die laaste gedeelte voor jy werklik onder in 'Die Hel' aankom is vir sommiges 'n skrikwekkende ondervinding, maar ook tog so asemrowend mooi en 'n onvergeetlike prentjie wat jy self moet aandurf, voor jy regtig kan sê dat jy Gamkaskloof ten volle ondervind het.

In die vallei aangekom, is daar eers gestop vir verversings en nóg foto's. Peta en Martin Barnard van Oudtshoorn is entoesiastiese foto- en videograwe en het 'n puik eindproduk saamgestel. Die DVD en foto's is by Die Fontein beskikbaar vir belangstellendes.

Ons Goue Oues, Allen Green en Freddie Rheeder, ook bekend as *Die Laventelhaan*, het deurlopend Saterdag gesorg vir lekker boeremusiek en vermaak. Vir aand-ete is 'n paar skape gespit, bedien met potbrode, slaai en ander heerlike gekookte kosse. Brian Niewoudt, of "Basjan" soos hy meer bekend is, het Sondagoggend 'n kerkdiens waargeneem. Geskenkte klere en speelgoed en die

kollekte wat opgeneem is, was ten bate van die Môreson-kinderhuis in George. Pieter Joubert het die groep in die vallei rondgeneem vir 'n geskiedkundige toer, waarna hulle na die restaurant is vir 'n prysuitdeling. Geskenkpakke, hoede van Ford SA en vir elkeen 'n sertifikaat wat bevestig dat hy met sy trekker na 'Die Hel' en teruggery het is uitgedeel. Die aand is rustig met 'n bring en braai afgesluit.

Maandagoggend vroeg het Pieter en Marinette die groep met 'n stewige ontbyt afgesien, sodat die langpad terug kon korter voel.

Dit sit nie in enigteen se broek om so 'n tog aan te pak nie en vir elkeen van die veteraaneienaars was dit 'n groot uitdaging om Gamkaskloof mét sy ou trekker te besoek.

Onder hierdie trekkers was daar 'n een-silinder Fieldmaster wat met 'n haelgeweer patroon aangeskakel word, 'n John Deere 70, 'n Case, 'n Massey-Harris 55-K, Vaaljapies, Massey Ferguson en ook 'n Allis-Chalmers.

'n Groot dankie aan al ons borge, onder andere: Ford SA, Prince Albert Motors, Coca-Cola, Morningside Eggs, Oudtshoorn Roomys, Allen Green, Martin en Elmarie Botha, Gründheim Wyne, Annetjie en Bennie Joubert, Fanie Klue, Metro Liquor Oudtshoorn, Eric Ungerer, Checkers Oudtshoorn, SoetKaroo, PitStop, Fanie se Bakwerke, CapeNature, Charlie Gerber, Swartberg Experience en Gamkaskloof Guest Farm.

'n Reuse sukses! Die terugvoer is ongehooflik en wie weet, dalk is jy die volgende een wat die uitdagende 'Hel' besoek...



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Lizett Voetpad - 'n Ware voorbeeld van vroue-krag

- Ellen Joubert -

George Visagie agter die stuur van die blou trekker met sy span vrolike kollegas, skouer aan skouer op die platvorm van die groot sleepwa, is 'n algemene gesig in Prince Albert. Mens kan die geluid van die trekker se remme van ver hoor aankom, en dan weet jy vullis- of herwiningsdag is in volle swang, met die span wat flink sakke in die wa tel en die dorp se vullisdromme leegmaak. Sedert Augustus verlede jaar is daar 'n kleine figuurtjie tussen die groot manne in hierdie span - Lizett Voetpad. Menige inwoner was al verbaas om te sien dat hierdie jong dame nie alleen die makliker werk op die trekker doen nie, maar haar skoene behoorlik en stewig volstaan wanneer sy swaar dromme vullis op haar skouer tel en geensins terugdeins om 'n sak of wat vol herwinde glas op die sleepwa aan te vat nie.

Wanneer Lizett gevra word hoe dit gebeur het dat sy op die trekker te lande gekom het, sê Lizett dit was vir haar ook 'n verassing! Sy het in die Openbare Werke



Program gewerk waar sy bedrywig was met die skoonmaak van die skouers langs ons distrik se paaie en het ook gehelp met plaveiwerk wat die Munisipaliteit in die dorp gedoen het. So het sy haarself leer ken as 'n vrou wat harde werk kan doen. Toe die Munisipaliteit 'n pos vir 'n algemene werker adverteer, het sy aansoek gedoen en sy was suksesvol. Met haar aanstelling vind sy toe uit dat die algemene werker op die trekker benodig

word! Lizett sê sy het nie geskrik vir die werk nie, omdat sy reeds haar krag geken het. Sy het gou gewoond geraak aan die werk en haar mede-kollegas werk lekker saam met haar. Sy vertel dat hulle sê sy doen die werk beter as baie mans wat al in die trekkerspan was!

Lizett is in 1984 gebore en het in Prince Albert groot geword. Nadat sy haar eerste skoolopleiding by Prince Albert Primêr voltooi het, is sy na Môrester in Oudtshoorn en daarna het sy graad 11 aan Hoërskool Zwartberg voltooi. Lizett kyk na haar ouers en is die trotse ma van 'n seun en 'n dogter.

Lizett hoop dat sy die geleentheid sal kry om haarself deur middel van kursusse verder te bekwaam om uiteindelik na 'n administratiewe pos by die Munisipaliteit te beweeg. Intussen lag en skerts sy heerlik met haar kollegas, drom op die skouer en 'n perfekte voorbeeld daarvan dat 'n vrou nie terug hoef te staan vir werk wat tradisioneel vir mans gereserveer is nie.

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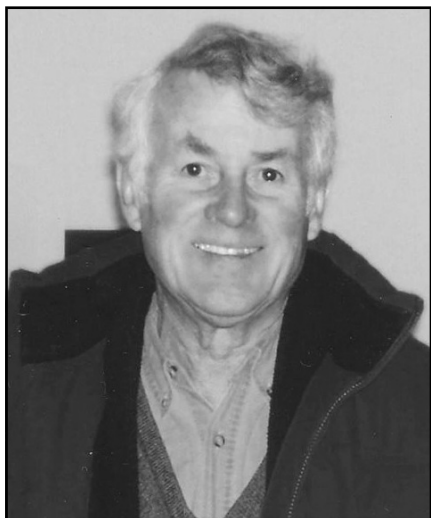
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Profile of a true professional



John Whitton, a sensitive, respected architect, recently announced his retirement

- Derek Thomas -

The sight of a man on a bicycle (these days on a scooter) with a roll of drawings underarm will be familiar to many. John Whitton, the architect, is a man with a mission. Either he is riding down Church Street to the next site meeting, or off to do another measuring up job or to monitor progress for one of his countless commissions.

His track record as a top professional covers more than fifty years, and there is nothing you can teach him about design, planning, bricklaying, plumbing, joinery and all the other components of buildings. His book, written during his Prince Albert days, "Common Sense Guidelines for Building in the Karoo," encapsulates his hard-earned knowledge and experience.

John commenced his journey as an architect first working for a building company in the north of England, before studying for the profession at the Hull School of Architecture during the fifties. There he was awarded a scholarship for a term at the famous Rome School to which fledgling architects aspire. On returning he did duty for his home country, entered the last intake of national service and was sent off to Cyprus where his company was tasked with measuring "one square mile of sovereign state." In the early sixties he worked for John Laing &

Sons, a large construction company in the UK. During that time he met and married Ann, who has shared his journey as an architect ever since. They left England in 1968 intending to work in the Cape for one year, but stayed and made their home in Hout Bay.

Recognised for his professionalism, John rose up the ranks of one of the largest architectural practices in the country, Stauch Vorster Architects, where as a partner he eventually ended his big practice career. But the Karoo called and in 1996 the Whittons settled permanently in Prince Albert, participating actively in town life, even taking lessons in Afrikaans. To date he has drawn plans for 45 new houses and about 250 alterations and has over 200 clients on his books. His valuable stock of measured drawings (Ann always the 'handlanger' holding the end of the tape) is a priceless record of the architectural heritage of the town. Here in Prince Albert John found the opportunity to take up sketching and architectural life his way. If you seek his monument as a talented professional, look around you.

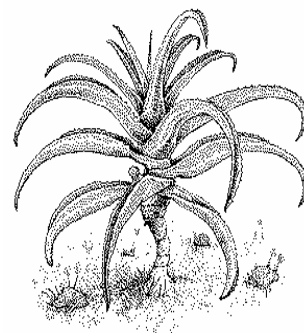
To offset the demands of his life as an architect, John is a committed follower of the Formula One Grand Prix. He is passionate about vintage cars, his devotion being expressed in models with unique names like "Austin Healey Frog-eyed Sprite"!

After giving his heart and soul to practising in Prince Albert, John has finally decided to explore a new chapter. He is closing his practice for new work, and is applying his hands-on skills to completing the Whitton's new house in De Queekvallei Estate.

The Prince Albert Cultural Foundation praises John Whitton the architect for his professionalism and the value he has always placed on the unique heritage of the town. He has unfailingly responded with sensitivity and with a restoration mindset to the historical context for his infill buildings. The town will miss his steady hand as a practising architect and North Enders, who have enjoyed his services for the drawing up of their building plans at a favourable rate, are sure to miss his willingness to assist.

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Culinary Icon Renata Coetzee in Prince Albert



Renata Coetzee shared her knowledge of veldkos at African Relish (Photo: Judy Maguire)

- Jennifer Cohen and Judy Maguire -

Dr Renata Coetzee calls herself an 'ethno-botanist' to describe her fascination for how culture and the food science of *veldkos* collide.

Coetzee, now 82 and surely one of South Africa's leading authorities on indige-

nous food, spent two days at the *African Relish* cooking school discussing her work of over 40 years, researching and recording our cultural and culinary traditions.

Long before the award for World's Best Restaurant celebrated *Noma* in Denmark for revealing the joys of edible wild food, Coetzee was travelling around Southern Africa learning from the oldest cooks she could find, precious hand-written recipes passed down over generations, and tramping around the *veld* digging roots, picking leaves and berries and grinding grains.

The stories never stopped about the Khoi-Khoi – South Africa's oldest citizens – from her new book, *Koekemakranka*, the Zulus, Pedi and Venda (among others) from *Funa: Food from Africa* and the 52-platter banquet Jan van Riebeeck threw after the birth of a child as told in her first book, *The Southern African Culinary Tradition*.

"The Khoi cooked over and under coals, in pits in the ground and were the first to use

pots; pots mean mixing ingredients – they mean recipes."

Japhta Petersen was generous with his first-hand knowledge and colourful descriptions of medicinal veld plants, their preparation and use, and the ailments they are meant to cure. Many of the plants he discussed can be seen in the medicinal garden behind the Fransie Pienaar Museum.

Over a salad that included *spekboom*, *voëlent*, wild mint and wild garlic, *kougoed*, *soutslai*, and string-of-pearls, Coetzee told the class that after her first book she became a *de facto* ambassador for indigenous food culture and that SAA got used to her stowing her luggage and "half a plane load of pumpkins," as she travelled around the world lecturing and cooking.

She believes that food is a societal leveler, that no matter one's culture, language, or beliefs, preparing and sharing food unites us all.



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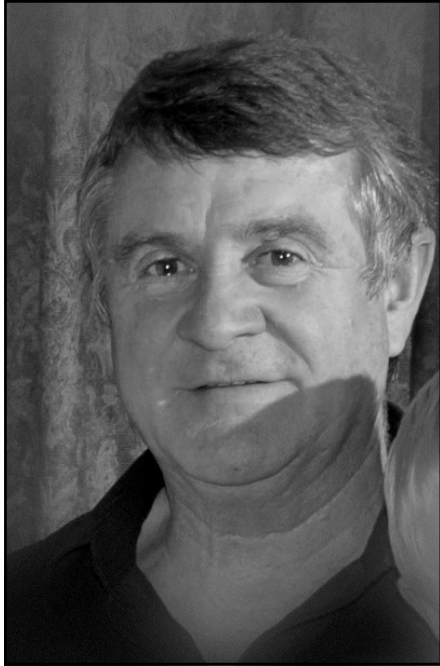
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Dr Jozef le Grange

- Denise Ohlson -

Dr Jozef le Grange, bekende boer en die Mediese Beampte van die plaaslike hospitaal, is op 29 Maart op slag dood in 'n ongeluk net sewe kilometer buite die dorp toe sy bakkie van die pad geloop en omgeslaan het. Hy was 63 jaar oud en het met groot afwagting daarna uitgesien om op 65 af te tree en voltyds te gaan boer op sy geliefde geboorteplaas Angelierbos.

Oom Kiep le Grange, jarelange naasbuurman op die plaas Nooitgedacht, vertel: "Ek onthou hoe Jozef as klein seuntjie maar altyd oral by en saam met sy pa Hannes en sy oom Wallie in die boorde en op die lande was. As kind het hy nie rondgekuier nie, hy was geborge daar op die plaas en in later jare het ek hom ook altyd in die berg gekry ná lekker reën waar hy sorg dat sy sluise reg lê. Toe hy sy praktyk in die dorp gehad het, was dit ook sy gebruik om alles eers vroegdag na te ry voordat hy soggens werk toe is. Ek eer hom as konsensieuze dokter, as 'n goeie buurman, as 'n netjiese man wat meer gedoen as gepraat het."

Jozef Diederik Johannes le Grange is

gebore op 3 Augustus 1947 as die jongste van twee kinders. Hy en sy suster was die vierde geslag Le Granges op die plaas.

Sy skoolloopbaan begin hy as loseerder op Klaarstroom waar hy by meneer Barnard in die klas is tot stander 2. Die res van sy tyd op die skoolbanke is by Hoërskool Zwartberg waar hy ook in matriek hoofseun is. Na nege maande in die weermag is hy Stellenbosh toe om medies te studeer.

In 1969 ontmoet hy 'n oulike onderwyseres van Willowmore op 'n troue – Amelia Fourie van De Rust. Hulle trou aan die einde van 1972, twee weke nadat hy afgestudeer het. Sy hospitaaljaar voltooi hy in Uitenhage en hy werk daarna vir 'n kort tydjie in Fort Beaufort voordat hy terugkeer na Prince Albert waar hy eers saam met dr Van Jaarsveld werk voordat hy sy eie praktyk begin. Die volgende stap is na Carnarvon, waar hy saam met 'n ou vriend, Ben van der Merwe, sewe jaar lank in die praktyk staan. Daarna is dit terug Prince Albert toe, waar hy as private praktisyn, distriksgeneesheer en mediese beampte werk.

Jozef was die eerste boer wat weer wingerd op sy plaas in die Gang geplant het, die einste plaas waar daar in die ou dae nog brandewyn gestook is. Dit raak opwindende tye toe sy jongste seun besluit om hom as wynmaker te bekwaam. Fernskloof Winery gaan die etiket wees van die wyn wat eersdaags met bemarking begin. Amelia vind troos daarin dat die plaas waarvoor Jozef so alles ingesit en opgeoffer het, sal voortbestaan vir die vyfde en sesde geslag Le Granges. Sy vind ook troos in die wete dat God weer sy asem in jou inblaas as jy doodgaan en dat jy dan vir ewig lewe.

Jozef le Grange is begrawe in die familiekerkhof op die plaas Angelierbos en hy laat naas sy vrou Amelia ook sy seun Hannes (getroud met Verl ) en hul kinders Dewald, Roelof en Annabelle, sy seun Diederik, sy dogters Hevette en Leonie (getroud met Johan) en hul kinders, Francis, Liam en Mila, asook sy suster Alta, agter.

Huis Kweekvallei Modeparade



Ann Whitton van die Thursday Groep
(Foto: Gudrun Toelstede)

- Hester van Vuuren -

Elke Dinsdag besoek die dames van die "Thursday Groep" Huis Kweekvallei om saam met die inwoners speletjies soos Bingo, Beatle en Rummikub te speel.

Dis altyd 'n lekker vrolike byeenkoms. Een van die inwoners noem een dag dat sy so graag 'n dienlike drasak wil h . Die "Thursday Groep" se dames spring dadelik aan die werk om pragtige sakke van materiaal te maak vir die dames wat gereeld die byeenkomste bywoon. Daar word besluit dat hulle by die geleentheid wanneer hulle dit ontvang, die sakke op 'n modeparade sal vertoon. Almal stem in en is baie entoesiasties.

Op die bepaalde Donderdag daag al die lede van die "Thursday Groep" op, uitgedos in vrolike uitrustings en met versierde hoede. Nog 'n verrassing volg vir die inwoners toe daar heerlike melkert en ander verversings saam met hulle tee bedien word. Daarna volg die vrolike modeparade. Elkeen kry saam met haar sak ook 'n pragtige serp waarmee hulle met groot vertoon paradeer. Elke model word luidkeels toegejuig. Almal moet deelneem, selfs Liza Taute in haar rolstoel word nie verskoon nie.

Almal geniet die pret, veral toe die "Thursday Ladies" ook elkeen hul beurt kry om 'n paar passies te maak met hul vrolike uitrustings. Mev. Blomerus bedank die dames vir die heerlike oggend en vir al die vreugde wat hulle elke Dinsdag na Huis Kweekvallei bring.

Prince Albert Municipal Library Book Review

The Calling by Inger Ash Wolfe*

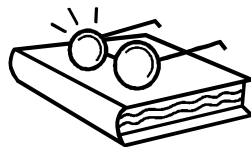
A fairly recent addition to the library is this suspense-filled novel *The Calling*. The writing is brilliant. The characters are finely drawn. And, although the heart-sinking subject is a religious-maniac serial killer, the book is unputdownable. The story is made particularly riveting by its main protagonist, Detective Inspector Hazel Micallef stationed in a small rural town in Ontario, Canada.

She is 61 years old, recently divorced, heavily dependent on painkillers and the whisky she washes them down with, and living with her elderly poker-playing mother who is determined to make her eat healthily. DS Greene works alongside Micallef, as do two new additions to her team DC James Wingate, a young, technologically savvy officer, newly arrived from Toronto, and DS Adjutor Sevigny, a French-Canadian officer of intimidat-

ing size who is on loan. Both of them have personal secrets they strive to conceal from Micallef. This diverse group pursue, with little experience and few resources, a serial killer who is dispatching terminally ill individuals, one after another, in gruesome fashion.

With the initial tedium of establishing a series out of the way, the next book is bound to be even better. And I could happily spend several more hours in the company of Detective Inspector Hazel Micallef. She is startlingly real and rings the changes nicely on the more traditional middle-aged alcoholic male cop.

* Wolfe is the pseudonym of a well known North American writer of literary fiction, and the guessing games around the writer's true identity still abound.



A sad farewell to Merle Cleaver

- Ione Auerswald -

On Thursday, 24 March, the Thursday Group said "Farewell" to our greatly valued friend, Merle Cleaver. Merle and husband Clive are relocating to the Eastern Cape.

Though young in years, in comparison with most of our members, she is also one of our oldest members. Our farewell gift to Merle was a 'memory album' – a book of pictures, words and objects put together by her friends in the Thursday Group.

Merle was always busy but always found the time to support our group in many ways. Only when the rest of the group had to take over her duties did we realise just how much she meant to us.

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KANSA voorsitter Christine Snyman en afslaer Mark Steyn tydens die jaar se Sanlam KANSA-Gholfdag (Foto: Christine Snyman)

- Christine Snyman -

Februarie 2011 breek aan - ons Sanlam KANSA-Gholfdag word beplan en daar word op 12 Maart besluit ten spyte van heelwat ander verrigtinge rondom daardie naweek druk ons deur met 'n positiewe gesindheid. Die

KANSA-komitee beplan die spyskaart en saam met die Gholfdag-komitee besluit ons om 'n aand te hê wat almal sal onthou.

Ons begin om die telefoonlyn warm te bel en die hoop beskaam nie, ruimhartige skenkings en donasies stroom in van ons meelewende Prince Albert mense: Twee

boere skenk elk 'n skaap en sorg sodoende dat daar genoeg vleis vir die ete is. Nog iemand skenk heerlike wors en die KANSA-komitee steek ook die hand diep in die sak en sit heerlike geregte op die tafel. Dankie aan elkeen.

Saterdag, 12 Maart, breek aan en niemand kan vir 'n beter dag vra nie: die tafels lyk feestelik, die geurige kos is gereed en die veiling kan begin. Met gul skenkings van Bergwaterwyne, kaas van Gay's Dairy, vleis van ons skenkers, Marelize Vorster se heerlike koeke en 'n pragtige King Size sybokhaarkomers van Prince of Africa, begin Mark Steyn, 'n gesoute afslaer, die Rande trek. Van die verkoopte items word weer geskenk en opgeveil en so klim die totaal. Moolman en Wimpie het saam met hulle bikers vriende eie inisiatief gebruik en het 'n groot verrassing: hulle skenk 'n pragtige bedrag aan KANSA. Groot waardering vir elkeen se groothartigheid, met sulke mense móét die aand mos 'n sukses wees. Nadat die veiling afgehandel is, kon ons aansit en die heerlike ete geniet, terwyl Tobie Gous strelende musiek in die agtergrond speel.

Saam met al die kaartjieverkope, skenkings vir die spyskaart en donasies en bydraes vir die veiling het ons omtrent R13 000 ingesamel. Dit oortref alle vorige pogings by verre. Dankie aan 'n ieder en elk wat tot die sukses van 12 Maart bygedra het; sonder julle sou dit nie moontlik gewees het nie.

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KANSA is daar vir al die mense van Prince Albert. Maak asb gebruik van die toetse deur die jaar. Tans is die kolorektale toetse beskikbaar by dr. Pete Reinders se spreekkamer.

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The Magic of Mulch



Stone mulch makes an attractive addition to succulent gardens

The climate in the Karoo is one of extremes with variable temperatures and unpredictable rainfall. It is a testing environment for the gardener, particularly with water restrictions further adding to the challenge. Mulch is an inexpensive and useful means of dealing with this.

Having a soil surface that is completely exposed to the elements has many negative effects. Firstly, any moisture that the soil may contain is rapidly lost through evaporation. This means that a heavier watering regime is needed and water is wasted needlessly. Also, exposed soil runs the risk of being eroded by wind and water. This results in nutrient-poor soil and the expense of adding fertilizer and compost to sustain plant health. In addition to this, the soil surface is compacted by the impact of rain, making it less able to absorb the water.

While mulch is good for gardens, it also contributes to general conservation practices. Mulch is an efficient means to combat the above problems and aids in conserving water. It comes in many forms including wood chips, pine bark, straw and stones. Garden refuse may be put to good use too. Rather than disposing of leaves and other organic matter, this can be spread over flowerbeds and under trees.

So what does mulch do? Primarily, it forms a protective layer over the soil, preventing

water loss and soil erosion and ensuring the maintenance of desirable soil conditions. Mulch breaks up the impact of water droplets and, as it decomposes, adds nutrients to the soil. It also aids in preventing the growth of weeds.

Mulch is easy to apply and can simply be spread across the soil surface. It can also be used in pots and planters. Gravel is preferred for succulents as they require good drainage and do not like to be warm and wet. Ensure that the entire surface is covered in a generous layer for the best results.

Please contact *Renu-Karoo Veld Rehabilitation cc* for more information at 082 770 0206 and to purchase different kinds of bark and wood chip mulches. Delivery upon request.

Monique Bernic is a third year Nature Conservation student at Nelson Mandela Metropolitan University in George currently completing her practical year at Renu-Karoo Veld Rehabilitation cc.

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Garden Club News



Suzelle Koorts of Weltevrede Fig Farm (second from right) describes the process of drying figs

- Shireen Reid -

Of figs and fig trees

Did you know that there are over 600 varieties of fig trees? And did you know that on the Weltevrede Fig Farm there are more than 1 000 Adam's fig trees growing? What an interesting afternoon the 28 members and visitors of the Garden Club had for their April meeting.

Pieter and Suzelle Koorts have been the proud owners of Weltevrede for 23 years, and their daughter Liezl and her husband work with them.

Originally, stream water had to be 'pushed' towards the orchards by means of furrows and spades for flood irrigation but with new technology, 12 hours of irrigation two or three times a week is now possible. Starlings eating the fruit used to be a big problem, undeterred by 'birdchasers', high-pitched sound systems or gas cannons, until after much prayer, the birds have gone elsewhere. Then along came the kudu at night! They ate the lush green shoots and had a habit of rubbing against the trees, breaking branches and putting the trees under stress. Neither lights nor loud noises scared them and a game-proof fence has had to be erected at great cost.

Weltevrede's figs are grown organically, the trees being fed sheep or chicken manure. Teams of permanent and seasonal

workers pick the figs; fresh figs go to George for distribution to Woolworths, but about 5,000kg are dried annually. Groups of women sit and chat and laugh while peeling the figs, although the fig milk has a corrosive effect on their hands and without gloves, their fingerprints virtually disappear. Much as we look forward to rain, for the farm it is a catastrophe! With thousands of figs drying on racks, there are screams and shouts and people running round trying to stack the crates and cover them.

The highlight of the afternoon was definitely teatime! We sat under huge shady trees with a table laden with silver teapots, delicate crockery and scrumptious fig tarts made by Liezl. She also manages the guesthouses and makes fig preserve from Cape Brown figs, and kindly donated a jar for the afternoon's lucky draw, won by Jacqui Dixon. We were all reluctant to leave, especially the children who had great fun playing in the water furrow. Thank you Suzelle and Liezl and all your helpers for a truly wonderful afternoon!

May meeting

In May we will visit four of the gardens featured in the Olive Festival's Open Gardens tour, ending at Rosemary McEwan's garden for tea. Everyone is welcome to join us – we will meet at the Museum at 3pm. Bring along a mug and a folding chair. There will be no charge for Garden Club members but visitors will pay R10.00.

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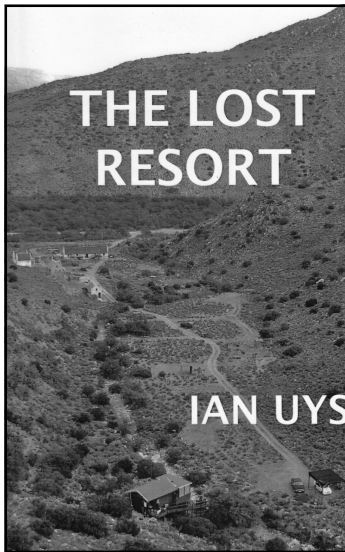
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The Saga of Bushman Valley



- Denise Ohlson -

Ian Uys has just published his 21st book, *The Lost Resort*, an account of his ten year battle to establish a private nature reserve on his 1 200 ha estate called Bushman Valley, a resort nestling

between the mountains south of Prince Albert.

This venture that he thought began “very simply” almost immediately turned sour and his dream became a complete nightmare. On receiving the latest letter from the provincial Department of Environmental Affairs declaring its “right to revise its initial comments” and requesting “further information from you based on any new or revised information received”, he decided to record the whole saga for posterity in a book, giving a year on year report of the difficulties he faced as a small developer in obtaining the necessary approval from the Western Province Department of Environmental Affairs.

He accuses the department of ineptitude and a “draconian attitude” and argues that the government “sabotages” entrepreneurship rather than promoting it.

Mr Uys and his wife Barbara feel that they

have no other option than to face criminal prosecution rather than redoing virtually everything of the past ten years.

The author has a lively interest in South Africa’s military history. In 1973 he published his first book: *For Valour, the History of Southern Africa’s Victoria Cross Heroes*, followed by *Die Uys Geskiedenis* in 1974. Other publications by the author includes *Victoria Crosses of the Anglo-Boer War*, *The Comrades*, *The Knysna Castaways* and *Survivors of Africa’s Oceans*.

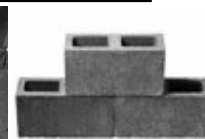
Ian was born in Uitenhage in 1942. He lives in Knysna with his wife Barbara, commuting to Bushman Valley as often as they can. They have three children, two of whom live overseas.

The Lost Resort is published by Fortress Publishers (fortress@iafrica.com) and sells at R160. The book is available locally.



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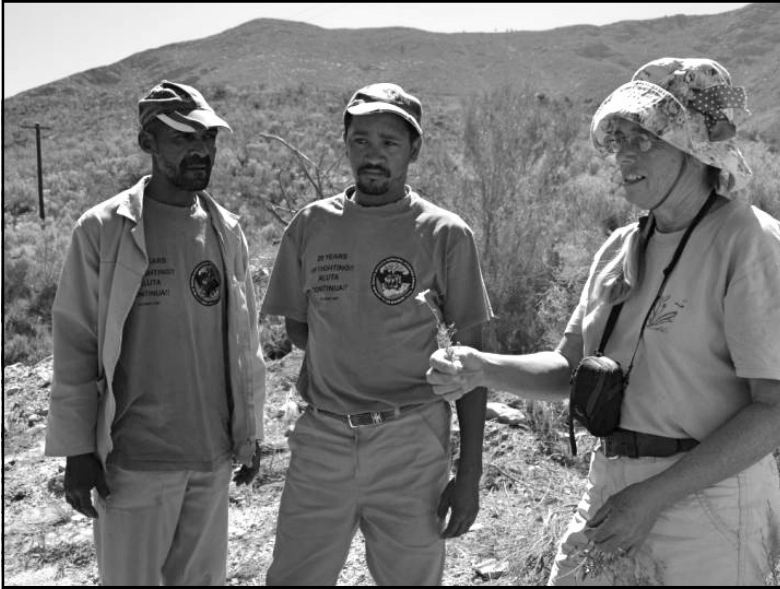
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Balancing Jobs, Road Safety And Indigenous Plants



Sue Dean (r) of Renu-Karoo Veld Restoration explains biodiversity to workers of the Eden District Municipality (Photo: Renu-Karoo)

- Sue Dean -

Maintaining our roads and verges provides permanent and contract employment for thousands of South Africans. These workers are managed by either the National Roads Agency, the nine Provincial Roads departments or by one of the 284 District Municipalities.

Motorists want smooth, stable road surfaces, good visibility and adequate signage. This means mowing, digging ditches and other interventions on road verges to improve visibility and to lead water off the road surface. Many motorists would like to see trees and flowers along the way to relieve the boredom of long journeys.

On the other hand, conservationists see strips of vegetation on road verges as the last chance for rare plant species lost to ploughing or urban development. To others, natural vegetation may look untidy or be considered a fire hazard to adjacent crops or plantations.

When authorities allocate budgets to create jobs, maintain drains, surfaces and machinery, their main focus is on road integrity and safety. Things like scenery, conservation and biodiversity come second and are left to contractors and road work teams who don't have the training in such matters.

It is no surprise then, that there is no standard guide to how our verges are

managed. Most teams clear indigenous plants but leave invasive alien plants such as spiny alien cactus, sisal and mesquite untouched because they are difficult to cut with a weed-eater. Some contractors and District roads engineers *skoffel* out or even poison all vegetation between the road and the fence, which leads to the rapid spread of annual weeds. Some leave shrubs standing but use weed-eaters to mow all other plants to a height of 10 cm, whereas others mow a 2-meter wide strip next to the road shoulder and leave the rest intact.

Damage caused by road side management teams acting in good faith, but without specifications or training, means considerable damage to vegetation and spreads weeds. It wastes fuel and converts tons of biomass to greenhouse gases every day.

Over the past eight years non-essential and expensive roadside management has led to the loss of rare plant species. Our attractive Karoo vygies and daisies are being replaced by American cactus, Russian tumbleweed Scottish thistles and European grasses. Fueling of weed-eaters and transporting of cut grass to rubbish dumps are wasteful and release greenhouse gasses. As more needless cutting of plants takes place and bare soil is exposed, so more weeds will invade roadsides. This means that more cutting will be needed to keep roadsides neat and maintain visibility in future years. Clearly this option is unsustainable given the looming fuel and global warming crises.

Concerns such as these motivated the Wildlife and Environment Society of Southern Africa (WESSA) to request *Renu-Karoo Veld Restoration* to develop guidelines for Eden Municipality and to provide training to managers and road workers in the form of slide shows, discussions and roadside monitoring and mentoring.

We thank Rufford Small Grants for Nature Conservation (UK), Plant Conservation Unit (UCT) and WESSA for sponsoring this training project.

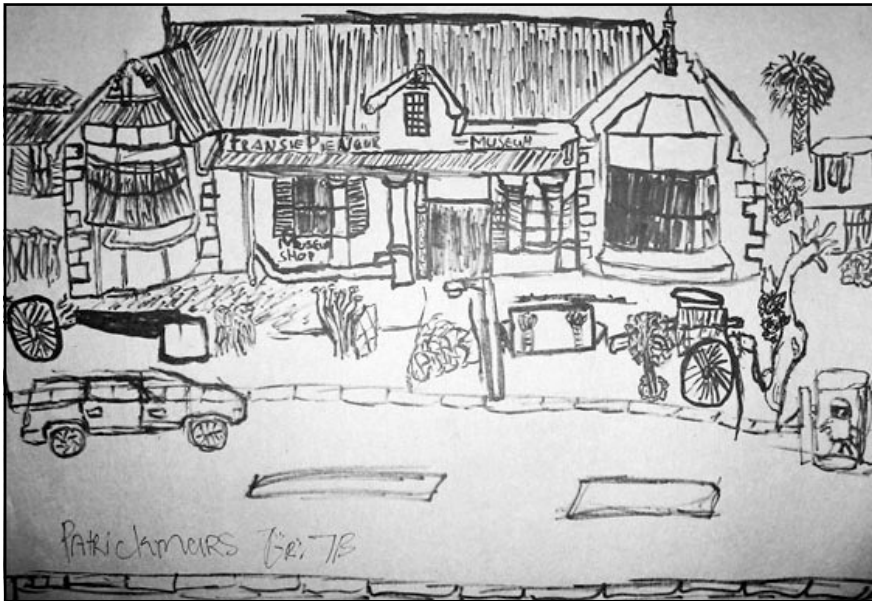
Sue Dean is founder of Renu-Karoo Veld Restoration cc.

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Our Children's Art 2011



Patrick Mars' drawing of the Fransie Pienaar Museum

- Christine Thomas -

Children love learning a new craft and they love taking the results of their creative efforts home to share with

their family. The bead necklace or decoupage tablemat is admired by Mom and Dad and the child develops confidence in his abilities. By encouraging children to give some thought to the design of the object

they are making, they learn to think independently about what they like and how they can exploit the potential of the materials that they are working with. These skills improve their all round abilities at school.

Art classes commenced on Wednesday, 13 April at the Basson Centre at the back of the Museum starting at 3pm ending at 4.30pm. The classes are designed for Primary School children and include painting, drawing, design and craftwork. There is no charge for the classes. Local artists and crafters volunteer each year to teach the children about the craft that they enjoy doing, and so the children are able to learn about decoupage, clay work, beadwork and fabric painting and simple wool embroidery.

If you would like to teach a session or two and share your knowledge with our local children, please contact me on 023 541-1492 or karooart@gmail.com.

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For many years donkeys were invaluable to the farming community in Gamkaskloof, as before 1962 there was no road out of the valley.

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Albert College Team Wins Fun Run Relay

- Hannah Modra, Alexander Swanepoel and Sarah-Mae Swanepoel -

On Friday 25 March Zwartberg Runners held their annual relay to raise money for the Half-marathon during the Olive Festival. Teams of four runners ran 1,2 km each from the Lazy Lizard, up to Lah-di-dah and back. Albert College entered eight teams and Reuben's team won 1st prize, even after running further than they needed!

Once the runners were all home, the Zwartberg Runners Committee gave out team prizes and then awarded lots of spot prizes which included a chocolate cake, melkterts, running socks, t-shirts and bags. Mannies May won a special prize of a chocolate cake after running all four legs of the relay on his own.

There was also a raffle for a food hamper worth R1200 and Margie Roberts won it, a wonderful wedding present as she was getting married the following day.

Albert College wants to thank everyone who organises this fun event: the Lazy Lizard, who donate so many prizes, the Police for closing the road, Mark Steyn for all the cooldrinks and Terry who is the "organiser supreme".



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Tennis at Albert College



(l to r) Caleb Swanepoel, Reuben Esterhuizen, Sandy and Rebekah Swanepoel, Christopher Mullins

- Reuben Esterhuizen and Christopher Mullins -

Albert College tennis players had a great time during the first term of 2011 competing as part of a third league team with learners from Hoërskool

Zwartberg and some home-schoolers. Christian Bishoff, a former first league player, put us through our paces as our coach.

Our first match was supposed to take place in Beaufort West but we were turned back

while on our way because of torrential rain. The following week we finally met the Hoërskool Sentraal team. We were pretty tired after the long journey but managed to win two singles and two doubles matches. Reuben was mercifully teased about losing to a girl but he took it in good spirit.

The next outing against Hoërskool Punt, was a walkover. The A team lost only one of six matches and the B team won all theirs. When Hoërskool Oakdale came to Prince Albert to play on the local Tennis Club courts the competition was tighter, both our A and B teams lost - but only by a hair's breadth.

We really enjoy our tennis and would like to thank the Prince Albert Tennis Club members and especially Colin Bower for the use of their courts. Thanks also to Dalene Coetzee for arranging the games, to Hennie (the Stig), our driver and especially to Christian Boshoff for the long hours of coaching. We learnt a lot and are very sad that he is leaving but wish him lots of luck in his new job.

Hoop jy jou beleggings sal tred hou met jou drome?

Waarvoor jy ookal hoop, maak seker dat jy die regte plan daarvoor inspan. Ek kan jou deur die besluite lei wat jou finansiële toekoms sal beïnvloed. Met Sanlam se omvattende portefeulje oplossings kan ek voorstelle maak oor wat jy werklik nodig het.

- Spaar en beleggings
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- Voorsiening vir jou kinders se opvoeding
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Bel my vir deskundige advies, aangevul deur korttermynversekering en selfs belasting-ontleding as dit nodig is.



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Ons dink vooruit

Calvin Verjaar!



Juffrou Debbie en Calvin

- Debbie Badenhorst -

Op 24 Maart stap my leerders die oggend, mooi in gelid, die klas binne, gaan staan agter hul stoele en ons groet: “Goeiemôre Juffrou én Maats.” Al die kinders in die Eenheid is netjies uitgevat in hul nuwe skooldrag wat ons verlede jaar vir hulle gekoop het.

Nét Calvin is vanoggend in gewone kle-re, want hy is vandag tien jaar oud! (By Prince Albert Primêr trek jy jou “mooi kleertjies” aan as jy op ‘n skooldag ver-jaar.)

Elke oggend volg ons dieselfde ritueel: Die tafeltjies word gedek met pragtige plekmatjies, lepels en vurke, dan die borde afdel vir die “kostannies.” Nou kan ons op die mat gaan sit vir nog ‘n mooi storie uit die Kinderbybel. Calvin is vanoggend so opgewonde en rusteloos

soos ‘n vlooi in ‘n streepsak! Ons het nou al vir hom gesing én hande geklap, maar dit is net nie genoeg nie. Wat kan ek nog doen om sy dag spesiaal te maak?

Na ete moet ek en geduldige oom Ollie gou weer vir Rewaldo hospitaal toe vat sodat die wond aan sy voetjie skoonge-maak en verbind kan word. Oppad terug van die hospitaal vra ek vir Ollie of ons nie gou “vinnig skelmpies” by die winkel kan stop nie. Dalk is die geluk aan my kant en staan daar iewers ‘n mooi versier-de koek wat ek kan koop om klas toe te neem. Sowaar! ‘n Paar pakkies lekkers, koeldrank, en ‘n ietsie ekstra kom toe mos by. Spring gou in die bussie, en daar gaan ons! By die klas aangekom, hang Calvin se mond behoorlik oop.

Almal in die klas help om wêér die tafeltjies te dek en al die lekkernye uit te pak. Die koek word gesny en Calvin kan self vir sy maats koek uitdeel. Juffrou Bianca Lekay, wat soggens in my klas toesig hou wanneer ek met Rewaldo hospitaal toe gaan, tel my selfoon op en begin foto’s neem. Dit ontvaard in ‘n regte, egte, kin-derpartytjie met musiek en eetgoed. Twaalfuur is ons almal stokflou en soet tot agter ons ore. Daar is nóg ‘n verras-sing vir Calvin - hy kan vir sy sussie en twee boeties ook eetgoed na sy ouma se huis toe neem.

Om vir ‘n stralend gelukkige Calvin by die skoolhek totsiens te sê, was meer as genoeg beloning vir my en Ollie se “skelm” besoek aan die winkel in skooltyd!

Onse Claude Hendriks nuwe breier van SWD Plattelandspan



Claude Hendriks wat aangewys is as hoofafrigter van die SWD Plattelandspan

- Jeff Griebelaar -

Prince Albert Willing Hearts se afrig-ter, Claude Hendriks, is vanjaar aangewys as die Hoofafrigter van die SWD Plattelandspan vir die jaar 2011/2012. Hendriks, wat verlede jaar die hulpaffrigter was van die span, toon vordering in sy afrigtersloopbaan. Namens die klub se bestuur en spelers wil ons hom graag baie geluk en sterkte toewens met sy aanstelling en hoop hy sal die Plattelandspan tot groter hoogtes neem.

Claude sal nog steeds help met afrigting by die klub deur die week, maar naweke sal hy besig wees met sy werksaamhede van die Unie. Nogmaals baie geluk.

ONTHOU DIE OLYFFEES VENDUSIE!

Waar en Wanneer: Sondag, 1 Mei om 11H00, by die Hoërskool Zwartberg Skoolsaal
Besigtiging: Saterdag, 30 April, vanaf 17h00 tot 18h00 en Sondag, 1 Mei, 10h00 tot 11h00

Onthou om kelders, solders en stoorkamers fyn deur te kyk vir items wat verkoop kan word.

Die toerismekantoor neem 10% kommissie, die res is joune!

Merk die items op ‘n onopsigtelike plek met jou naam en telefoonnommer.

Ons benodig ook ‘n reserweprys wanneer die goedere gebring word, dink asb daaroor na.

Alle items moet om Saterdag tussen 10h00 en 12h00 afgegee word en, verkoop of nie, na die tyd uit die skoolsaal verwyder word.

ONTHOU DIS ‘N FONDSINSAMELING – DONASIES WORD MET OPE ARMS VERWELKOM!

Verdere inligting is beskikbaar by:

Bokkie Botha: 023 5411821/082 892 7222 of Imke Maeyer: 023 5411184/083 436 6145

Fun Run Raises Funds for Festival Race



Team Fairies: (l to r) Johanli Gous, Emma Maeyer, Michaela Steyn and Jeremy Freemantle
(Photo: Janet Modra)

- Terry Barnato -

Somehow it seems that our preparation for the official half marathon always includes organising a relay or a fun run in town. This time it was a relay, held on the evening of 25 March at the Lazy Lizard. The teams consisted of four runners and could be any combination of male, female, young and old. Each runner needed to complete a 1km leg so it was not exactly taxing except maybe for Mannies who did all 4 laps himself. He won the Lazy Lizard's decadent chocolate cake at the end for his efforts!

Another draw card of the evening was the Karoo Hamper raffle. A box loaded to the brim and more of Karoo delicacies including figs, local pork and lamb as well as a range of olive products. Many residents bought a ticket or three for R5 on the morning of the run, each one anticipating taking the hamper home that evening. In the end, it was won by Margie Roberts, who had bought a ticket that same afternoon! We heard that she was getting married the next day and didn't mind losing out ourselves! The raffle brought in

about R1300 and was entirely sponsored by the Lazy Lizard.

And so the scene was set for a good evening, with the track roughly marked out on Church Street and kept safe for us by our very experienced police marshals. A brief rundown again on rules and regulations and the first runner in each team lined up on our starting line, and the race was on. It was a pleasure to watch, I must say. All the cheering from the side line and the set, determined faces of those who had their sights set on big prizes, running their hearts out. Little ones, big ones, slow ones, fast ones... even fancy dressed ones. We had a team come dressed in pink frills and I think they called themselves the "Fairies."

The prize giving was made up mainly of spot prizes, as place prizes with such mixed teams seemed a bridge too far for us. And so a few chosen teams got the team prizes for.... well, for being there! The spot prizes were also well received as names were drawn from the hat, and the winners went up to receive their gifts amid much applause. Altogether, it was a successful evening and well worth the effort. Again, we would like to thank the Municipality for their permission to hold the event on the main street and the police for keeping the road safe for us. And finally, the Lazy Lizard, who sponsored the whole event, every last little detail from beginning to end.

Thank you, folks, for supporting us with your attendance. Each team paid R40, and as there were about 22 teams, we were glad to add around R650 to our coffers!

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